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TERRORISM NEAR SWATOW.

CHRISTIANS CHIEFLY VICTIMISED.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES STILL MORE SERIOUS.

VILLAGE RETALIATES.

Swatow, Jan. 24.

The New Year holiday was kept as usual, and there is no marked sign of nervousness, although no one has any reliable news either of the final disposition of Chung Fat-kwa's men, the mutual relations of those in power here and at Canton, or of the activity of the Hai-Luk Fung Communists.

The streets are gay with colour. In old days, it was the long robes of the men which provided this pleasant feature of the season. Nowadays, the men wear sober robes of dark brown, blue or black silk, and colour has gone over to the women. Wonderful new fabrics in orange, gold and yellow, in grass green and coral pink are to be seen, and instead of either the old trouser or the new skirt, the long robe from heel to head is being worn, more particularly by girls and younger women.

Refugees' Plight.

Of the Catholic village, which, in face of the Communist advance took the road by night, their burning homesteads behind them, the majority stayed at Hui-lai, the district city, and only some thirty or so came on to Swatow. A few soldiers have been sent down, not perhaps sufficient to delay things for a while.

Flight from the Hai-Luk Fung area is restricted to a few roads now. Neighbouring districts are so scared of entertaining Communist soldiers unawares, and so angry with the peasants there, that no one is allowed to come up along some roads, so that in some cases refugees are caught between two fires. Phou-leng district, which has its own Communists, has adopted this policy. Refugees therefore have either to seek exit by the coast road, or on the west side by Ho-pho and adjoining places or by sea to Hongkong. It is estimated that some 20,000 are in Ho-pho island.

There has been a big exodus from the neighbouring town of Thal-on, where, in response to the executioners' demand for heads, the village worthies met secretly and determined to take off the executioners' heads themselves, and set on ten of them and tore them to pieces. On the subsequent advance of the Communists, all who could in any way get away fled as they were, each man for himself.

Church Ransacked.

The English Presbyterian Mission now have news of their premises at Swatow. The Church, schools and dwelling houses have been ransacked and are now occupied by the Communists. The schools include both boys' and girls' boarding schools. The hospital staff have mostly got away, but two students remain at the hospital itself, and an assistant and a student are kept by the Communists at their field base, about ten miles from their hill fastness.

The medical men pressed into their service have been well treated, and, so far, care has been taken of the hospital. In spite of the troubles on Christmas Day, no member of the Swatow congregation lost his life, and, so far as Protestant Christians are concerned, there has been no attempt to massacre them on account of their religion. Those who have no far lost their lives have been killed on other counts, so far as is at present known; though there is a persistent rumour of the murder of one very keen preacher, and possibly also his brother, just because they had so completely won the hearts of their people. It has been impossible to get news of them.

Although however it seems likely that executions have not taken place on the ground of religion, yet all practise of religion is proscribed. No services can be held, and what churches have not been burnt down by one side or the other are in the hands of the Communists as headquarters. (Continued on Page 12.)

QUAKE & VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.

VILLAGERS FLEEING FROM LAKE NICARAGUA.

DAMAGE IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, Jan. 26.

A severe earthquake was felt this morning over a wide area in the State of Oaxaca, and spreading into Nicaragua.

Several towns are reported to have been damaged by the shocks, while from Managua it is reported that villagers at the foot of the Ometepe volcano, on the island in Lake Nicaragua, are fleeing to the mainland in panic, owing to the eruption of the volcano.

The roar of the eruption is audible for many miles, fine ash is falling in spots ten miles away, and the sun in the district is hidden by the smoke.—*Reuter*.

Shevellutich Also Erupts.

Moscow, Jan. 26.

The Shevellutich volcano, on the east coast of Kamchatka, hitherto regarded as extinct, has suddenly become intensely active.—*Reuter*.

GENERAL YANG SEN TO MOVE.

ICHANG EXPECTS BANDIT TROUBLE.

Ichang, Jan. 26.

Future activities of bandits in the town and vicinity are foreboding as a result of trouble which has arisen in Szechuan, which is controlled by the 20th Army of General Yang Sen. Because of the trouble, a report has been received to the effect it is likely that General Yang Sen will withdraw his 20th Army in an up-river direction.

The effect of this will be that the control here, exercised by General Yang Sen, will terminate, and advantage of this situation will be taken by bandits.—*Naval Wireless*.

Nearing Changsha.

Changsha, Jan. 26.

Reports have been received to the effect that the Wuhan armies are close to Changsha.—*Naval Wireless*.

Kiangsi Communists.

A Naval wireless message, dated yesterday, states that Communists are creating a great deal of trouble in Southern Kiangsi.

FOUR KUOMINTANG LEADERS.

DEPARTURE FROM SHANGHAI FOR HONGKONG.

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

Four prominent politicians of the Kuomintang, Messrs. Sun Fo, the former Kuomintang Nationalist Government's Finance Commissioner; C. C. Wu, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Nanking Nationalist Government; Hu Han-min, a member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee; and Wu Te-chen, the former Chief of the Canton Police boarded the s.s. President Wilson at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon for Hongkong.

The three first-named are said to be on their way to Europe and the United States to study economic and political conditions, whilst Mr. Wu Te-chen's destination is reported to be Canton.

There are about ten other Kuomintang members and politicians accompanying the party.

NEW PRAYER BOOK.

NEED FOR SEEKING DIVINE GUIDANCE.

London, Jan. 26.

An earnest appeal for prayers in connexion with the forthcoming session of the National Assembly of the Church of England, which will discuss the new Prayer Book, has been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Primate urges on the whole Church the duty of remembering in both private and public prayers the need for seeking of Divine guidance at a time of special importance in the history of the Church of England.—*Reuter*.

GENERAL DUNCAN LEAVING.

SHANGHAI'S UNIQUE TRIBUTE.

TWENTY NATIONALITIES AT BIG FUNCTION.

THE LOCARNO SPIRIT.

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

Eloquent testimony of the appreciation in Shanghai of the presence of British Forces was afforded here to-night when Major-General Sir John Duncan, shortly leaving for Home, was the guest of honour at a farewell dinner given by the International Community. Twenty nationalities were prominently represented.

Mr. Stirling Fessenden, the American Chairman of the Municipality, declared that Sir John Duncan and the British Forces had won the praise, gratitude and admiration of all nationalities in Shanghai.

Sir John, replying, said that what had struck him most about Shanghai was its hospitality and enterprise. He thanked them, especially the women, for their hospitality to the troops, especially during the hot weather.

Shanghai Unique.

Continuing, Gen. Duncan said that this great International Settlement, was unique in the world. It was created by foreigners under conditions which could not be paralleled elsewhere, and was really a wonderful example of enterprise.

Referring to the work of the British Forces in Shanghai, Sir John Duncan said that he had tried to introduce the Locarno spirit into the problems which had faced him, especially vis-a-vis the Chinese, from whom he had received courtesy, friendliness and consideration.

Co-operation Between Forces.

Gen. Duncan dwelt on the spirit of co-operation which had characterised the relations between the Forces of seven nationalities, which had been landed at Shanghai. Not only had there been no friction, but they had had no differences, which was a remarkable and pleasant fact.

Referring to the situation in Shanghai to-day, Sir John said that it was greatly improved compared with a year ago, when it was impossible for foreigners to go into the surrounding districts safely. To-day that was all changed. He also remarked that the sense of feeling which then existed had now disappeared, especially since the zone of the civil war had moved towards the North.

However, he said, in conclusion, the presence of the Defence Forces alone, had assured peace and safety in Shanghai during the danger period last year.—(Loud Cheers).—*Reuter*.

"THE SHANGHAI MIND."

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

The leading personalities of twenty nationalities were present at a unique function at the Astor House to-night, when Shanghai tendered farewell to a banquet given in honour of Major-General Sir John Duncan.

In a striking speech, Sir John Duncan declared that he had heard a lot about the "Shanghai Mind," but during his residence in Shanghai he had observed two distinguishing characteristics. Shanghai's hospitality and enterprise were unrivalled elsewhere.

He described the Shanghai Volunteer Corps as an extraordinarily efficient unit.

Concluding, he said that a year ago the barometer indicated "Storm," but now it was "Sot Fair," following much better feeling between the Chinese and foreigners.

Successor Introduced.

Sir Sidney Barton, the Consul-General, introduced Major-General Alexander Wardrop, who is assuming command of the Shanghai Defence Force, and in a brief speech, emphasised Shanghai's internationalism, directing the attention to the presence at the banquet of their German and Austrian friends.

General Wardrop made a witty speech on the subject of "sport, ponies, pigs and greyhounds."

JUNK ROBBERY SEQUEL.

ONE KILLED IN POLICE CHASE.

ANOTHER CAPTURED.

Retribution followed swiftly on the heels of the armed robbery which occurred on Wednesday, when a junk, returning to Shaikwan with a cargo of pigs, was intercepted by a Hoko pirate boat and taken to Tai Miu, in the New Territories district of Sai-kung.

When word reached here yesterday morning of the occurrence, a party of police, headed by Inspector Murphy, in charge of Shaikwan Station, and Detective Sergeant Meadowcroft immediately proceeded to Tai Miu. Their appearance was totally unexpected by the robbers, who were surprised as they were unloading the livestock with the assistance of over twenty other clansmen.

In the ensuing stampede, it was a case of every man for himself. As the robbers got ashore and made for the hills, they were fired upon by the police, who

INTERPORT GOLF.

Hongkong Captain Nine Down to Eighteen.

The great feature of the morning round of the four-ball foursome between Hongkong and Shanghai to-day, was the brilliant play of M. W. Budd and A. R. Blinko, the first Shanghai pair. They were none upon Pendered in eighteen holes.

The Hongkong team is up in one match only, the details being:

T. D. E. Pendered and L. G. S. Doddwell nine down to M. W. Budd and A. R. Blinko. Capt. Erskine and Capt. Bloxham two down to H. R. Malcolm and A. Pilcher. L. R. Andrews and G. Murray four up to K. M. Cumming and A. Pettit.

killed one man and effected the arrest of another.

A number of discarded daggers were subsequently recovered in the line of flight.

In a report of the piracy to the police, the master of the trading junk said the Hoko boat met them at Futauan Pass. A prize crew, put on board after some preliminary firing from small arms, took the junk to Tai Miu, where the assistance of over twenty other robbers was secured to remove the cargo and the personal effects of the crew. Before the work was completed, the police arrived in the manner stated.

Another Outrage.

Another trading junk, while returning to the Colony from Cheungsha, in the Hoi-fung district, was captured by a piratical junk, when intercepted off the Shamun Customs Station. In this case, there was also the preliminary volley from firearms before the pirates boarded the vessel, but no casualties were caused.

The master and crew of the trader were cooped up in the hold until the pirate junk and its prize arrived at Po Tai Oo, in the Sai-kung district, at 4 p.m. yesterday. Before being released, the trading junk was ransacked and removed of all its cargo and valuables, the value of these being assessed at over \$2,000.

WIRELESS V. CABLES.

INFORMATION GIVEN TO CONFERENCE.

London, Jan. 26.

At the fourth meeting of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference, Sir John Denison Pender, Mr. J. C. Denison, Pender, and Vice-Admiral Grant gave the delegates information regarding the present position of the Eastern Telegraph Company and its associated companies.—*British Wireless*.

HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED.

WOUNDED ARRIVE IN CANTON.

MORE TROOPS DESPATCHED TO FRONT.

HELP FOR SWATOW.

Reports from Canton indicate that there has been further severe fighting in the East River district.

These reports state that from Saturday to Tuesday, hundreds of wounded soldiers serving the Canton Government arrived in the city on their way back from the East River by the Canton-Kowloon Railway. By far the biggest number arrived on Tuesday, when from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. streams of wounded men continued to come in.

Troops Despatched.

It is also reported that large detachments of troops have been despatched to the East River. On Monday, 3,000 men, belonging to the 6th Division under Ho Chun-fan, left Canton and yesterday a telegram reached the Canton Government to the effect that this detachment had arrived and had been stationed at Walchow, an important strategic point on the East River.

Yet another report states that General Wang Shao-hung, the right-hand man of General Li Chai-sun, left Canton on Wednesday morning with a small party of his body guards for Shekiang, en route to Swatow. According to an official report from Canton, owing to the fact that some 10,000 "Ironside" remnants are creating disturbances in the East River district, it is deemed necessary that a more reliable commander of the Kwangsi Army, in the person of General Wang Shao-hung, should be sent to Swatow to direct the operations in the eastern part of the province.

A General's Death.

The report that General Hsu Chi-yui, the Chief of the 26th Division of the "Ironsides" met his death on the battle-field while fighting the Kwangsi troops loyal to Li Chai-sun, has been confirmed by official reports from Canton. In a telegram to Hsu King-tong, the leader of the Kwangsi troops on the East River, Li Chai-sun gave instructions to see that the remains of the late General are interred with due honour, despite the fact that he was an enemy of the Canton Government. This is being done, says a report, in remembrance of the deceased General's former good work whilst he was with the big Nationalist Army on the Northern Expedition under Chiang Kai-shek.

DUTCH WIRELESS TELEPHONE.

SERVICE TO BE OPENED ON TUESDAY.

The Hague, Jan. 26.

The Central Telegraphic Administration has announced that wireless telephonic communication will be opened on January 30th between all places in the United States and Cuba and Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The service will operate between 12.30 in the afternoon and eleven o'clock at night.

The Hague charge for a three-minute conversation will range from £16 to £18.—*Reuter*.

GRADING OF EGGS.

SCHEME FOR POULTRY FARMERS.

London, Jan. 26.

At a meeting of the Council of Agriculture, the Rt. Hon. Walter Guinness, the Minister of Agriculture, stated that a scheme was being submitted to the poultry industry to provide for the grading of eggs, and probably also for marking them with a national mark.

It was also proposed that preserved eggs should be marked so that they could be recognised. If the scheme were adopted, he undertook to bring in the necessary legislation at a very early date.—*British Wireless*.

OFFICIAL TRADE FIGURES.

HUNDRED MILLION STERLING IMPROVEMENT.

"INVISIBLE EXPORTS."

The remarkable economic recovery of Great Britain during 1927, commented on at length by famous British bankers elsewhere, in this issue, is given eloquent testimony by the official overseas trade figures, cable by Reuter, issued by the British Board of Trade.

Against a deficit of £7,000,000 in 1926, the credit balance for 1927 is £96,000,000.

Detailed Figures.

London, Jan. 26.

The official Board of Trade estimate for 1927 places Great Britain's credit balance on overseas trade for the year at £96,000,000, which is £103,000,000 better than in 1926, and £42,000,000 above the figures recorded in 1925.

Sir Cunliffe Lister, speaking at Henden to-day, declared that the foregoing figures were based upon a conservative estimate of Britain's "invisible exports" at £498,000,000.

This figures, he stated, was made up as follows: Shipping, £140,000,000; income from overseas investments, £270,000,000; receipts from short interest and commission, £68,000,000; and other sources, £16,000,000.

Sir Cunliffe Lister added that these figures were noteworthy in view of the fact that the balance in 1926 represented a deficit of £7,000,000.—*Reuter*.

LONDON MAN DIES ANTHRAX.

TRANSFERRED FROM FAR EAST FURS.

That furs coming from the Far East are the most deadly for anthrax germs was declared by the Coroner at the inquest in London yesterday on a man who died as the result of using the same shaving brush as his sons.

The sons were employed handling skins coming from the East, though they escaped the disease themselves.

London, Jan. 26.

A verdict of "Death from Misadventure" was recorded at an inquest at Southwark to-day on a man, whose sons are employed in a skin and fur factory at Bermondsey.

It was stated that the man and his sons all used the same shaving brush, and the manager of the factory said that some of the skins on which the sons had been working were imported from Japan, China, Siberia and Persia.

The Coroner remarked that these countries were the most deadly for anthrax, but the witness replied that they were said to be, but in the course of 25 years he had never known a case of anthrax occurring through the handling of furs.—*Reuter*.

DREDGER BUOYS.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The following Notice to Mariners was issued by the local authorities this morning, relative to harbour dredging:—In connexion with dredging operations off Kowloon Point, two red buoys will shortly be laid on the line marking the western edge of the cable reserve in positions 1,200 feet and 500 feet from Kowloon shore.

These buoys will exhibit a fixed red light by night.

Notice to Mariners No. 62 of 1927 is hereby cancelled.

MORE CLOUDY WEATHER FORECAST.

To-day's Observatory report states that the depression has moved into the Yellow Sea. Another anticyclone is forming over China, but pressure remains low over Indo-China. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some rain.

BRITISH BANKERS OPTIMISTIC.

EVERY EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BEST SINCE WAR.

TIDE REALLY TURNED.

London, Jan. 26.

The Chairmen of two big London banks spoke to-day in optimistic terms of British trade prospects. Mr. Hugh Tennant, presiding at the annual meeting of the Westminster Bank, in the course of a long address, said: "In the view of those best qualified to judge the total volume of the country's economic activity, is greater to-day than in any year since the post-war slump, and it is probably greater also than in the active boom year 1919."

The recovery from the setback of 1926 had been sufficiently quick and sustained to be in itself a testimony to the economic stamina of the country.

Mr. Hugh Tennant went on to say that there was a consensus of opinion among economists that as a nation we are spending more than we did before the Great War.

The masses of the people are better clothed and better fed. The motor car a few years back was a luxury of the rich, while to-day garage accommodation is one of the first pre-occupations of architects of even humble houses.

In so far, as this freer spending represented a higher standard of living, better health, increased efficiency and happiness, it was entirely welcome.

Luxuries Become Necessities.

Moreover he continued in a period of rapid changes such as this country had been passing through, a number of goods passed out of the category of undoubted luxuries into, or very nearly into, the class of commodities regarded as necessities. The two factors he went on to say, which facilitated this change were scientific invention and mass production. The former had brought silk-wear within the reach of almost every purse, while by the latter method, the motor-car had become cheaper and cheaper and therefore progressively available to wider and wider sections of the population. Mr. Hugh Tennant added that the artificial silk industry, despite great extensions of mills and machinery, still found that the demand ran far ahead of the supply.

Standard of Living Higher.

Sir Harry Goschen, presiding at the annual meeting of the National Provincial Bank, said: "We see theatres, cinemas, and other places of amusement, crowded with every evidence of prosperity. Retail establishments had never appeared to be more attractive nor better supported by their customers."

"Indeed, he continued, 'it may be justly claimed that the general standard of living seems to be higher, and as this implies increased expenditure, we may consequently assume on increased earnings.'

"During the year 1927, many millions of fresh capital has been subscribed by the public for industrial and other purposes, of which £55,000,000 has been on account of loans to foreign countries, which is some indication of the country's savings. There is, I believe, evidence that the tide has at last turned and is moving slowly towards better times."—*British Wireless*.

Britain's New Industries.

London, Jan. 26.

An interesting review of Britain's newer industries, particularly the electrical goods, motor-car, chemical and artificial silk industries, was given at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Westminster Bank.

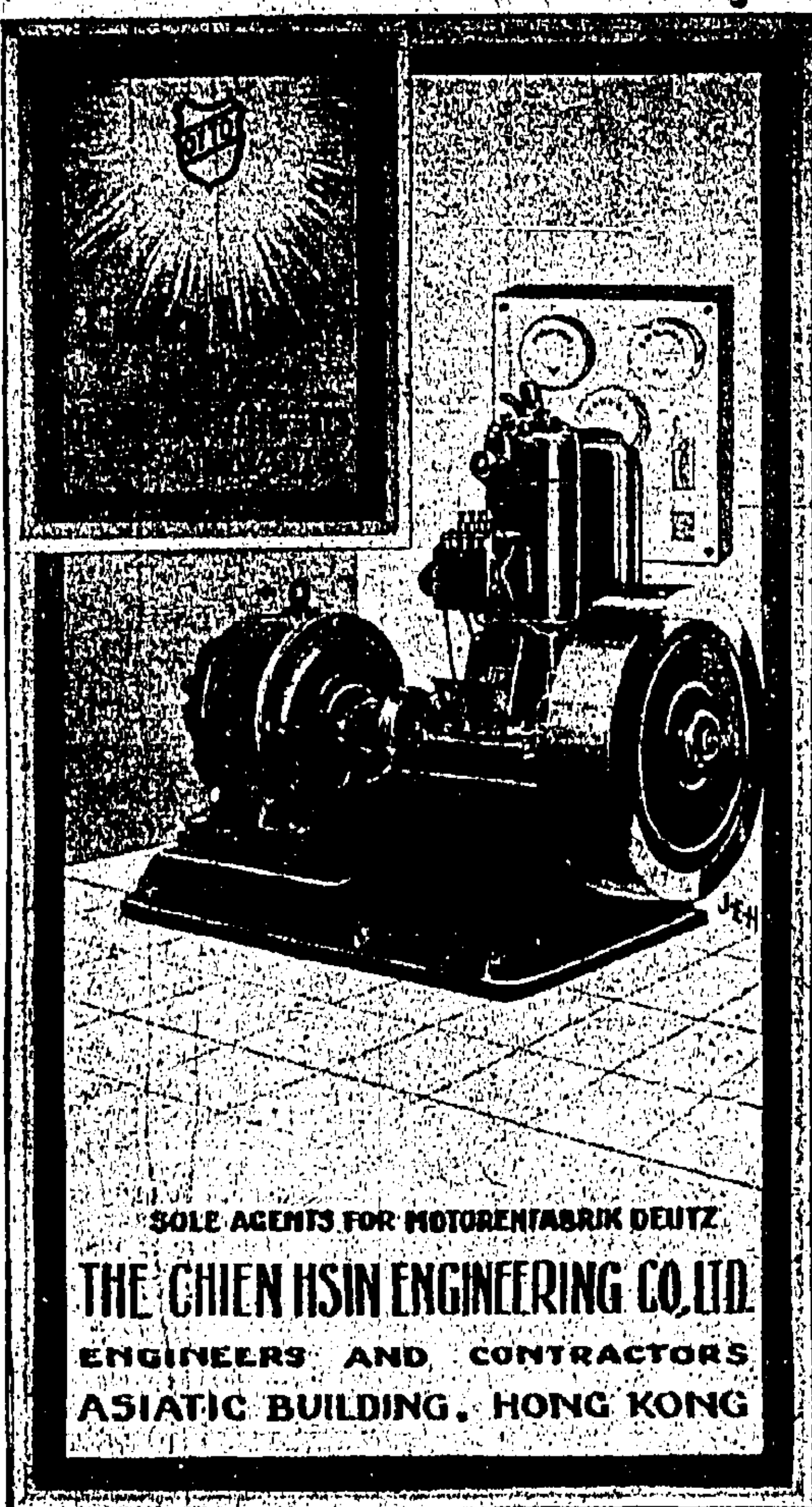
The Chairman, Mr. Hugh Tennant, instancing the recent boom in these shares, said that Britain's exports in electrical goods was greater than those of any country in the world.

The rise in the production of motor-cars was equally striking, being nine times that of 1912, while the chemical industry had undergone a reorganisation, amounting to a re-birth.

Artificial silk, despite the great extensions of mills and machinery, still found the demand running far ahead of the supply.

It was clear, he added, that the newer industries would play a

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 314.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D. S. O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, 27th Jan. 1928.

1. Programme of firing Part I. Table "A" on Stonecutters' Range circulated to all concerned with today's orders.

2. Stonecutters Range is allotted to the Portuguese Company for firing Part I on Saturday, 6th February.

3. Musketry.

Sunday, 29th January, 1928.—Engineer Company, Scottish Company and Casuals will fire Part II Table T. at Stonecutters' Range.

Range Officers: Lieut. R. S. Logan and Captain K. S. Morrison.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 27th January, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 28th January, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

4. Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. Lists of names are posted on Corps notice boards. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, 29th January, 1928, the last day on which Part II will be fired.

5. Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 30th January, 1928 and Thursday, 2nd February, 1928 for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

6. Artillery Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, 2nd February for Battery Drill. Signal Section as per programme.

7. Engineer Company.

Musketry Part II. See order No. 3.

8. Mounted Infantry Company.

There will be a lecture at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 30th January, 1928. Subject: Use of Cover.

The lecture will be followed by a meeting to discuss gymkhana arrangements.

9. Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 30th January, 1928, under 2/Lieut. A. C. Groves for formation run and signal practice. Dress: Mufti.

Motor Cyclists will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 30th January, 1928, and proceed to Kennedy Road Range for Machine Gun firing under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

Thursday, 2nd February. Special parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under 2/Lt. Hancock for those previously detailed.

10. Infantry Company.

No. 1 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st January and Friday, 3rd February, 1928, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

No. 2 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st January for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Belt, rifle and bayonet.

11. Scottish Company.

Musketry Part II. All those who have not yet fired must do so on Sunday, 29th January. For particulars see order No. 3.

Thursday, 2nd February at 5.30 p.m. All Platoons at Platoon Headquarters for Vickers Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti, rifle, belt and bayonet.

Route March Thursday, 23rd February. The Company will parade at full strength on above at Kowloon Ferry and march to Kowloon Dock where No. 6 Platoon have kindly consented to be "At Home" to Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

Coming Events.

Sunday, 4th March, 1928. Shoot against 2nd Battn. K.O.S.B. Sunday, 1st April, 1928. Inter Platoon shoot for "Dyer" Cup. "Quarry Bay" Cup. Guard Mounting etc., will be completed for at an early and convenient date in March.

Full details of above competitions will be announced later.

12. Portuguese Company.

Parade on Friday, 27th January at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters. Dress: Mufti. Belt, bayonet, frog, sling, rifle and bayonet for Arms and Squad Drill.

N. C. Os. and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 31st January for Lewis Gun Training.

Next Company parade on Friday, 3rd February, 1928.

13. Reserve Company.

The Machine Gun Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st February. Dress: Mufti.

14. Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on 20th January, 1928 and posted to the Portuguese Co. No. 1298 Pte. F. A. Castro.

15. Appointment.

The following extract from the Hongkong Government Gazette No. 4 dated 20.1.28, is published for information: "His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Corporal Henry Russell Forsyth, to be Second Lieutenant, in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 14th January, 1928."

16. Promotion.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the promotion of Second Lieutenant Robert Spiers Logan to the rank of Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 20th January, 1928.

17. Command.

Lieut. R. S. Logan takes over command of the Engineer Company, Field Section, as from 20.1.28 vice Major R. Melville Smith, M.B.E. on leave.

18. Officers' Mess Committee.

Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin will take over P.M.C. from Captain Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, O.B.E., as from 1.2.28. Members: Lieut. T. Addis Martin and 2/Lt. H. Owen-Hughes.

19. Transfer.

No. 878 Pte. W. Paterson is transferred from the Armoured Car Company to the Reserve Company, as from 18.1.28.

20. Reversion.

No. 554 Corporal W. L. Smith, No. 1 Platoon reverts to the ranks at his own request, as from 10.12.27.

21. Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps on leaving the Colony, as from 18.1.28.

No. 980 Pte. J. A. Summers, No. 7 Platoon.

No. 570 Pte. R. W. Stoddart, Reserve Company.

No. 844 Pte. W. J. Brown, Reserve Company.

No. 1146 Pte. S. O. Gregory, No. 2 Platoon.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 17.1.28.

No. 549 Pte. J. A. H. Plummer No. 1 Platoon.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, MAJOR, ADJUTANT, II. K. V. D. CORPS.

NOTICE.

Portuguese Company Rifle Club.—First shoot of the year will take place at Peak Range on Sunday, 29th January. Firing commences 9 a.m. sharp. Only those detailed by Rifle Club Committee to attend.

Musketry Programme.

Part I. Table "T" 1928. Stonecutters Range.

Sunday, 6th February, Portuguese Company.

Sunday, 12th February, Reserve Company.

Sunday, 19th February, Infantry Company.

Sunday, 26th February, Scottish Company.

Sunday, 4th March, Scottish Company.

Sunday, 11th March, Field Section & Corps Signals.

Sunday, 18th March, M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Sunday, 25th March, Reserve Company.

Sunday, 1st April, Scottish Company.

Sunday, 8th April, Rifle Meeting.

Monday, 9th April, Rifle Meeting.

Sunday, 15th April, Artillery Company.

Sunday, 22nd April, Portuguese Company.

Sunday, 29th April, Infantry Company.

Sunday, 6th May, Artillery Company.

Sunday, 13th May, Field Section and Corps Signals.

Sunday, 20th May, M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Sunday, 27th May, Casuals.



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In a long list of recipients of the King's Police Medal appears the name of Sub-Inspector Kenneth Walter Andrew, Hongkong Police Force, and Mr. A. H. Dickinson, A.S.P., Straits Settlements.

It will be recalled that Sub-Inspector Andrew, was recommended for the King's Police Medal at the annual Police Inspection in April last. He was responsible for the disposition of the Police who were sent out to guard a distillery at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers' Bay, against an impending attack by armed robbers.

When the attack took place on December 2, 1926, he was so successful that out of nine robbers four were killed and four captured. He was twice fired at point blank by the leader of the gang. Fortunately both rounds were defective. Sub-Inspector Andrew, in his turn, shot his opponent dead.



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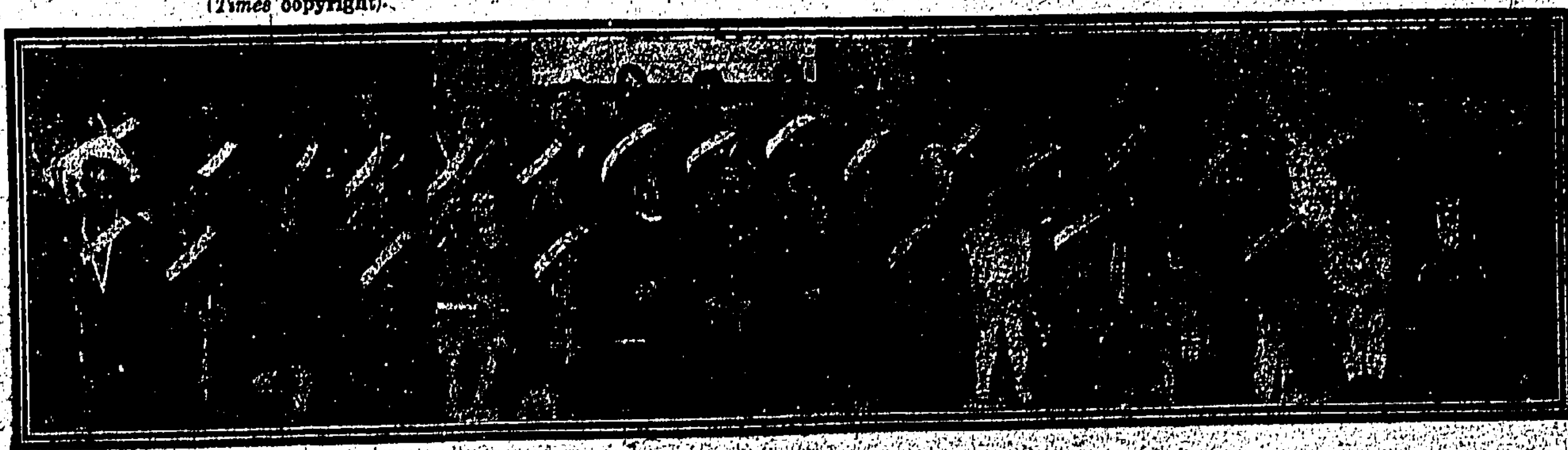
Continued wintry weather is reported from all parts of the British Isles. In the outlying districts farmers are bringing their livestock to more sheltered places, and our picture shows the Fen district in the grip of winter, a typical scene taken near Spalding, Lincolnshire. (Times copyright).



Skaters enjoying themselves on flooded lawn tennis court in Paris. (Times copyright).



A merry children's party taken in Shanghai recently is seen in the above picture.



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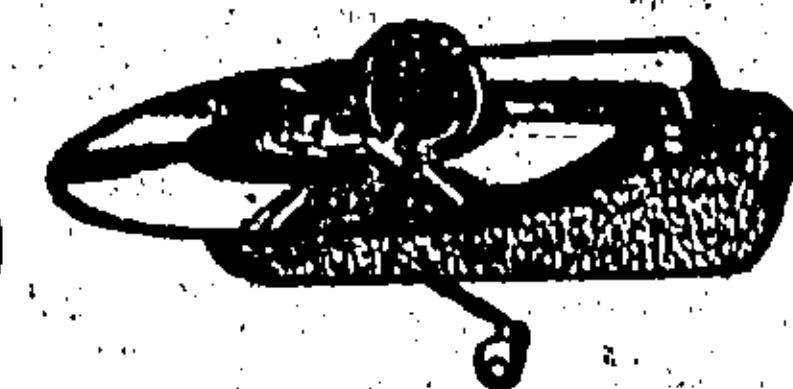
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KOWLOON WEDDING.

YOUNG PORTUGUESE COUPLE MARRIED.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, yesterday morning, the contracting parties being Miss Mercedes Rosario, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Rosario, and Mr. Roy Alfred Pereira, son of the late Mr. A. Pereira of Singapore and Mrs. Eugénie Sousa.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white charmesse satin with diamond trimming and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was attended by Miss Elvira Rosario (sister) as bridesmaid. The latter wore a dress of apple green perle crepe and carried a bouquet of pale pink roses.

The bride's mother's dress was of black soft satin trimmed with georgette.

Mr. Clarence d'Souza, of the Colonial Secretariat of Singapore, was best man.

A reception was subsequently held at No. 12, Austin Avenue, the residence of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left for Macao on their honeymoon, which will be extended to Singapore. The bride's going away dress was of mauve perle crepe.

TROPHY WINNER.

SECRETS OF FAMOUS AERO-ENGINE.

London, Jan. 26. The secrecy which has hitherto been maintained regarding the details of the racing aero-engine which won the Schneider trophy, and which is fitted in the motor-car with which Captain Malcolm Campbell will attempt to break the land speed record, was broken yesterday.

An interesting feature of the engine is that it is the smallest and lightest for its power in existence. It weighs 850 pounds and gives 875 horse power.—*British Wireless.*



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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

"The King of Kings."

RECEPTION OF THE FILM IN BERLIN.

There was the flutter of a first night in the film theatre.

A girl in a silver cloak, with magenta lips and hair like the hair of a Bacchante dancing in the breeze, came and sat down.

"What a charming frock!" she said to a girl in front.

"I felt I really must have something new for to-night," said the other girl.

"Most gracious one!" murmured a young fop in a coat with a waist and shoulders stuffed out in the fashionable manner, and he kissed the hand of the girl in the silver cloak.

There was a hum of voices, glances in little mirrors, little touches with powder-puffs and lipsticks, invitations to little suppers after the show.

The lights went out. Love music floated through the darkness and the spectators sank softly back to yield themselves to the influence of the pictures of Oriental magnificence and depravity which appeared on the great screen. A laughing woman in a skirt and jewels feasted with a repulsive crowd of lovers.

The erotic music of the violins died away and the conductor strove to change emotion and stir feeling with motifs from Parsifal and the sugary tunes of hymns. The unreal figure of a man in a white robe became the centre of the picture.

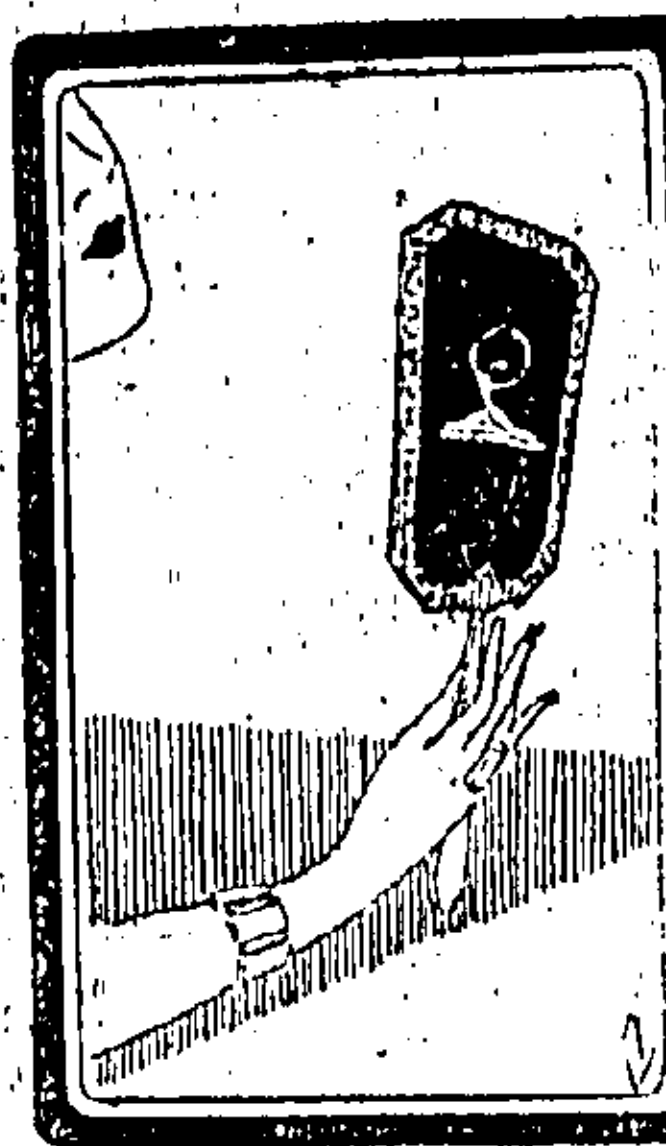
The woman of the scenes of Oriental depravity returned. She seemed to expect the accustomed response to her beauty from the

Women's Careers.

THE KENNEL-MAID.

With the spread of greyhound racing there has been a great impetus given to dog breeding, and, as a consequence, there are many va-

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cancies for women as kennel-maids, only one-tenth of which can be filled.

Show dogs are also being bred on a much larger scale, and among the successful women breeders are the Duchess of Montrose, the Duchess of Newcastle, and Baroness Burton, not to mention a host of others.

More than 60 per cent. of the dog breeders in England are women, and 90 per cent. of their employees are women.

Those with a qualification in veterinary medicine can find ready openings, but, as will be seen from the many journals dealing with this industry, there is a great demand for women as learners. No premium is asked, and pocket-money, food and lodging are given for the first year. After this period a good salary is given, together with commission on the sale of dogs under one's care.

It is a healthy outdoor life. One with initiative who is able to save a little capital may start independently. Experts say that it is a profession in which failure is impossible, and as Great Britain is the dog-breeding centre of the world, the scope is enormous.

unreal figure in a white robe and, falling, covered herself with a cloak and sank theatrically on her knees. One too cleverly contrived scene followed another and the pack of Hollywood actors and photographers strove to obliterate the pictures imprinted for ever on our hearts when we were first told of the Manger and the Cross.

The girl in the silver cloak yawned. An almost imperceptible movement in the theatre made one conscious that the spectators were bored. The Passion Film had failed.

"I thought the Judas was frightfully handsome," said the girl in the silver cloak to her neighbour when the lights went up, and she opened her silver bag and took out her little powder-puff.

Stage Fashions.

VERY DAINTY AND EFFECTIVE.

An example of the dainty effectiveness of the picture frock when worn by the right type of woman was seen at the first performance of "Hit the Deck" at the Hippodrome. It was a filmy frock of white tulle worn by Miss Ivy Tremand, with a bouffante skirt composed of tiny frills.

A vandyked edge achieved the irregular hem effect, and the close-fitting, corsege embroidered in diamante in a delicate leaf design, provided a charming contrast. A wide sash of shot pink taffeta and a Victorian posy of pink flowers at the waist completed the design.

An afternoon frock in periwinkle blue corded charmesse had the neck cut to a point at the left side, in accordance with one of Fashion's latest decrees. From a small blue collar edged with ecru point lace fell a jabot of silk and lace, and the double tiered skirt was piped with—crepe de China down one side.

A pearl horse-shoe buckle appeared at the waist, and a felt hat to match the frock was turned up in front with a similar buckle of pearl.

An effective evening gown worn by Miss Nancy Pawley was made from Chartreuse green silk fringe over an under-slip of silver lame. Narrow rows of fringe arranged cascade-wise on the bodice, merged into a skirt of very deep fringe and a belt of silver and diamante outlined the waist.

Smart Touch.



The modish, tucked jumper suit looks well when developed in old rose-crepe de chine. No adornment is needed save the rows of horizontal tucks graduated to points at each side of the bodice, and the vertical tucks set in groups round the skirt.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended January 19th, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2.13/10.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. recommended a dividend of 12 per cent., the placing of \$50,000 to Special Account and the carrying forward of about \$393,000.

Rennie's flour mills at Junk Bay were officially opened, the occasion being marked by an accident to Mr. H. N. Mody.

Admiral Li Chun took over the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Two Kwangs, at Canton.

The Hongkong Land Investment Company's report showed profits totalling \$67,839. A final dividend of \$3.50, the same as the interim, was recommended.

Sir Matthew Nathan, the Governor, returned from a health trip in Java.

The death was announced of Mr. John Walker, formerly with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

A highly successful Burns' Night concert was held at the City Hall. Those taking part were Mrs. David Wood, Mrs. A. G. Gordon, Mrs. G. H. Edwards, and Messrs. R. H. Baxter, R. Sutherland and Balloch.

PLENTY OF LAUGHTER.

BUSTER KEATON'S SUCCESS IN COLLEGE.

"College," the film starring Buster Keaton, which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre, is a real laugh-producer. It shows the "frozen-faced comedian" as a book-worm anxious to gain the affections of a pretty girl by attempting to gain prowess as an athlete. His efforts at baseball, hurdle racing, pole vaulting and shot swinging must be seen to be appreciated, but the climax comes when he undertakes the duties of coxswain in a College boat race. This is certainly one of Buster's happiest and funniest films, and it should continue to draw large houses during the next two days. If you want an hour's real enjoyment, don't miss "College."

K.B.S.F.P.A. MEETING.

REVIEW OF YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

An extremely lukewarm meeting of the K.B.S.F.P.A. assembled at the school premises last evening with Mr. G. F. Nightingale in the chair. There were seven members of the committee present and 10 attending members of the association.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Secretary, Mr. Hast; Treasurer, Mr. E. Moses; Committee, Messrs. Groundwater and Woolley and Messrs. Whitley, Kinross, and Hedley.

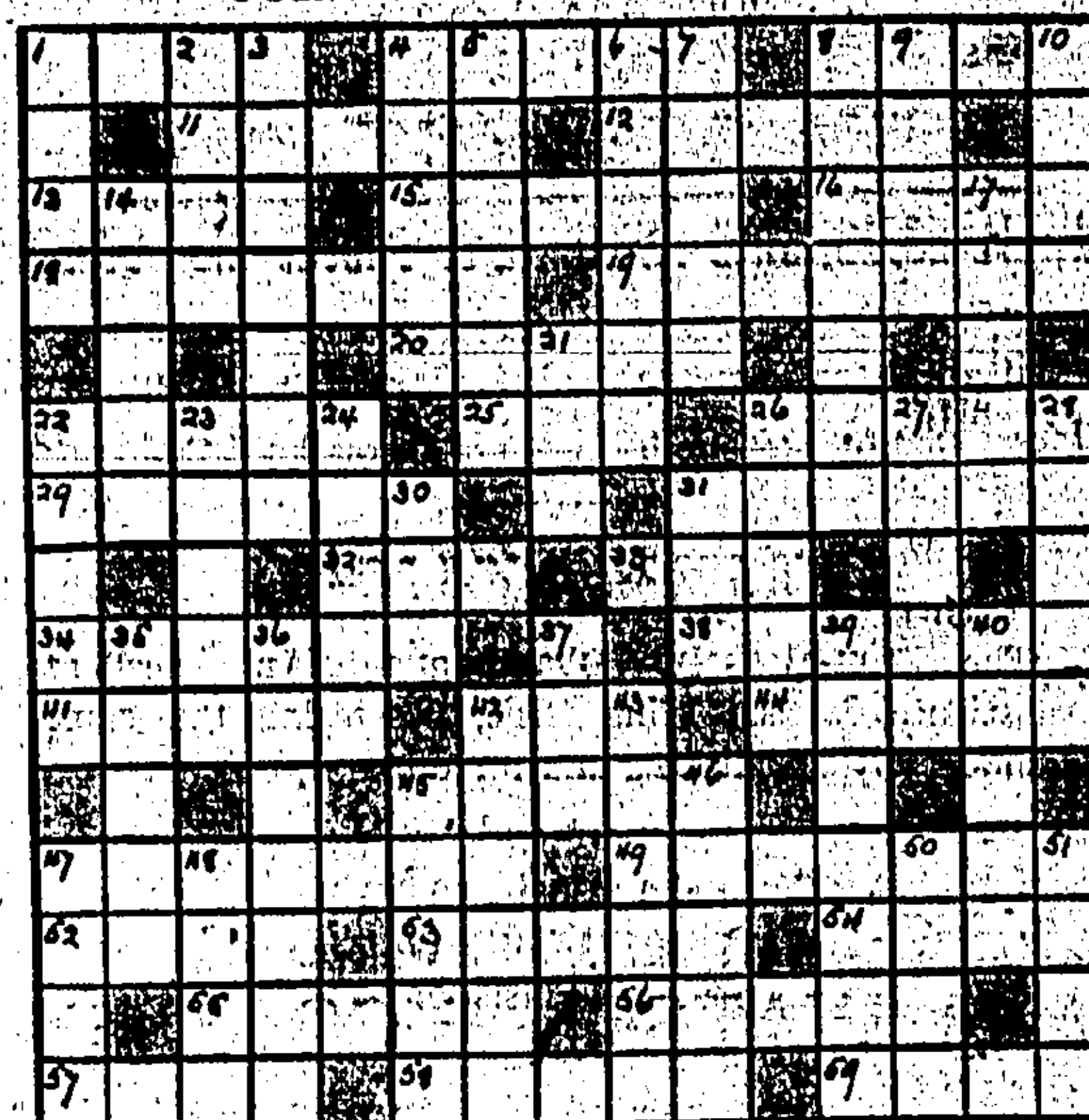
The meeting concluded with the passing of a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee.

IRELAND & AMERICA.

MR. COSGRAVE'S THANKS.

Washington, Jan. 26. In the House of Representatives applause was evoked by the reading of a letter from Mr. Cosgrave thanking the American people for the part they played in winning freedom for the Irish people.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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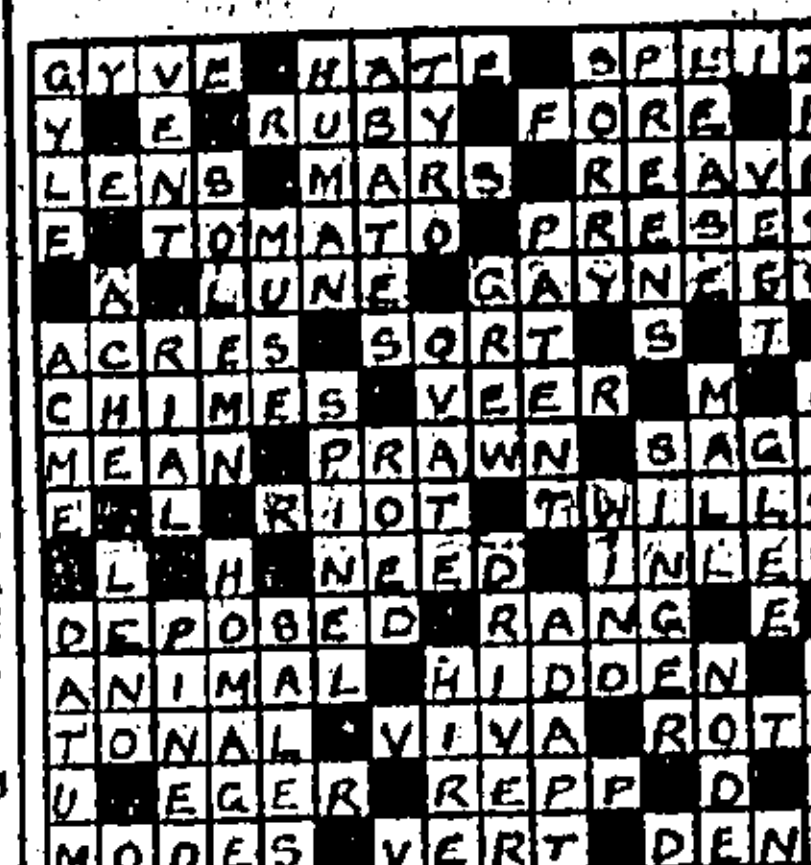
- 1 Gap.
- 4 Donkeys.
- 8 Perennial plant.
- 11 Egyptian viper.
- 12 Bright dazzling light.
- 13 Breathed hard.
- 15 Gall-nut of the tamarisk-tree.
- 16 Days in Roman calendar.
- 18 Steamship.
- 19 Tidiest.
- 20 Act anew.
- 22 Expression of contemptuous scorn.
- 23 Cease to live.
- 24 Assault.
- 25 Soaked.
- 31 Guides.
- 32 Fifth note of the diatonic scale.
- 33 Fragment.
- 34 Unmoved.
- 35 Fear.
- 41 Blinds.
- 42 Measure of length.
- 44 Grates.
- 45 Invest.
- 47 Ornaments for the head.
- 49 Fastening with nails.
- 52 Dandy.
- 53 Sunk fences.
- 54 Notion.
- 55 Ant.
- 56 Pipe.
- 57 Snake-like fish (plur.).
- 58 Advises.
- 59 Despatched.

Down.

- 1 Fruit of the dog-rose (plur.).
- 2 Narrow road.
- 3 Military courier.
- 4 One who aims.
- 5 Frightened.
- 6 Desire for something.
- 7 Rain mingled with snow.
- 8 Dissonant interval of three tones (Mus.).
- 9 Interpret.

- 10 Point of the compass.
- 14 Expiate.
- 17 Compound of the higher fatty acids.
- 21 Atmosphere.
- 22 Native of Switzerland.
- 23 Musical study.
- 24 Ceases from labour.
- 26 Digitigrade carnivorous mammal.
- 27 Withers.
- 28 Ex-emperors of Russia.
- 29 Female of the fallow-deer.
- 31 Repose on a seat.
- 35 Weir.
- 36 Alarm (Poetical).
- 37 Ancient.
- 38 Reunites.
- 40 Supposes.
- 42 Ensiliform (Bot.).
- 43 Crescent-shaped.
- 45 An anesthetic.
- 46 Frees from pain.
- 47 French scholar of divinity.
- 48 Scottish Highlander.
- 50 Unoccupied.
- 51 Walk.

Yesterday's Solution.



CONFERENCE CLOSING.

MILITARY LEADERS BACK OF CHANG TSO-LIN.

Peking, Jan. 26. The conference is nearing conclusion. General Chang Chung-chang, Sun Chuan-fang and Chu Yu-pu have already left for their headquarters for the purpose of preparing for an offensive against General Feng Yu-shiang.

While no official announcement has been made it is learned on reliable authority that an agreement has been reached upon all political matters, the conference agreeing to support Marshal Chang Tso-lin in all the changes he proposed should be made. At the proposed time it is not known exactly what these are likely to be.—*Reuter.*

REBUKED BY U. S. PRESIDENT.

ADMIRAL PLUNKETT RETIRING.

New York, Jan. 26. Admiral Plunkett, whose remarks on the subject of war evoked

A HUGE FORTUNE.

AMERICAN LADY LEAVES \$1,077,000,000.

New York, Jan. 26. The largest fortune ever recorded by the New York State Tax Department has been left by Mrs. Anna Harkness, the widow of the late Mr. Stephen Harkness, a partner with J. D. Rockefeller, Senior, in founding the Standard Oil Company.

Mrs. Harkness' fortune is \$1,077,000,000, on which \$18,000,000 will be paid as inheritance tax.

On her husband's death several years ago, the estate was estimated at \$50,000,000. The enormous increase is due to the consistent rise of the securities composing the fortune, which included over half a million shares of common stock in the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

A son of Mrs. Harkness is the largest beneficiary, and receives over \$30,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A rebuke from President Coolidge is retiring on February 15. He announces his intention of going into business.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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MARRIAGE.

PEREIRA-ROSARIO.—On 26th January, 1928, at Rosary Church, Kowloon, of Roy, eldest son of late Mr. Alfred Pereira and Mrs. C. D'Souza, of Singapore, to Mercedes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. S. Rosario, of 12 Austin Avenue, Kowloon. (Singapore and Shanghai papers please copy).

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1928

THE WATER SUPPLY QUESTION.

Considerable light was, at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, thrown on the matter of the extent to which Government-main water is used for sanitary flushing purposes in Hongkong. The statistics supplied, in answer to Mr. J. P. Braga's recent questions, showed that out of a total of 4,748 lavatories, urinals, etc., 1,301 were flushed from the main, this number being largely in respect of Government buildings and of houses on the Peak. In regard to the latter, the official reply stated that an independent supply is impossible, but probably "impracticable" would be a better word, for, if our memory is not at fault, there were until a few years ago some Peak residences which did have their own supply. It was in 1923, on the advice of a Committee appointed to consider the feasibility of extending the water-carriage system, that permission began to be granted for the use of Government water in this district, the rate for excess consumption being then raised to one dollar per thousand gallons. The considerable increase in recent years in the number of water-flushed lavatories, on the Peak is due to the facilities thus offered.

Without further going into the figures laid before Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, except to note, in passing, that only ten offices appear to be utilising water from the mains, it is apparent that big inroads are being made on our supplies for flushing purposes. The Government spokesman appeared somewhat inclined to minimise this point when he suggested that the mere number of water-flushed installations in any one building is no index to the amount of water consumed in that building, but obviously the more such installations there are, the greater drain there is likely to be on existing supplies.

In raising this question, as to the uses to which filtered water is put, Mr. Braga, we feel sure, would not argue that the dry closet system is to be preferred to water carriage. His chief point, as we understand him, is that, with supplies at present inadequate to the needs of our growing population, care should be taken that those supplies should, as far as possible, be conserved. In our view, the ideal to be aimed at is that the water-carriage system should be extended rather than restricted. This is desirable on grounds of public health, quite apart from considerations of convenience. So long as the Colony is liable to be faced with periodical shortages of water, however, an obvious duty rests on the authorities to see that supplies are not diverted to non-essential purposes, and, for that reason, permission to draw water from the mains should, for the present, be sparingly given. We certainly do not think it right that large quantities of filtered water should be used for flower gardens and lawns, much as we like to see such places well-kept, and we are also glad that instructions have now been given to discontinue the use of filtered water for washing down the decks of river steamers. The Colony will not, of course, be in a safe position, so far as its water supply goes, until steps are taken to increase the supplies available for the island. This is the urgent need of the moment, and the problem should be dealt with from that angle without delay. As to flushing, it may be that some use could be made of our sea-water, either distinct from or together with any other scheme that may be devised. That point is, at any rate, worthy of serious consideration.

British Trade.

After three years of severe economic depression, it seems to be generally agreed that in 1927, Great Britain's trade barometer showed a striking and definite rise. By no stretch of the imagination could it be described as a halcyon year, but, particularly towards the latter half, considerable progress was made, and there are encouraging signs that 1928 will prove that the upward trend is not merely transitional. The immense success of the Motor Show, the highly favourable response to the British Industries Fair to be held at the White City shortly, the announcement reported only yesterday that a Birmingham firm had secured a huge South African contract, not because of the presentation of the lowest tender, but because the South Africans considered they would be getting better value for their money by spending a little more, are indications of the revival. Britain's financial position, the big bank chairmen, at recent meetings have all prophesied a favourable industrial year, and Mr. A. M. Samuel's optimism at the Working Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday appears to make it almost unanimous. Mr. Samuel declared that industrial activity in the Home market was greater than ever before, while simultaneously the British export industries were meeting with constant success against foreign rivals. His calculations led him to suppose that from an adverse balance of £12,000,000 in trading figures for 1926, the country has recovered to an extent which will show a favourable balance of about £73,000,000. The 1927 figures are now officially disclosed and they reveal a credit balance of £96,000,000 for overseas trade. Eloquent figures indeed, which need no juggling to satisfy "shareholders." Still greater encouragement is to be derived from the new Labour Party atmosphere, and the attitude of the working classes in relation to their employers. The tendency is to replace damaging industrial struggles by co-operation. The Moderates wield a greater power than ever before, due in some measure to the low financial water in which the unions find themselves, but, we believe, more to a sincere and patriotic desire to assist in getting the country out of its difficulties. The settled policy of the T.U.C. is the achievement of peace in industry. The Labour Party politically, with perhaps one eye on the General Election, is deserting platform propaganda for the development of practical politics. The outlook has never been more hopeful for many years past.

DAY BY DAY.

LET US GIVE NEW FORCE TO THE OLD LAWS, AND ENDEAVOUR TO RESTORE THIS NATION TO ITS FUNDAMENTAL AND VITAL LIBERTIES, THE FREEDOM OF OUR GOODS, AND THE FREEDOM OF OUR PERSONS.—*Edmund Waller.*

The B.L.s.s. Talamba is due here this afternoon from Singapore.

The s.s. Norviken was taken in hand for overhaul at Taikoo this morning.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of typhoid, one being British and the other Portuguese.

His Excellency the Governor is to open the Club de Recreio's new club-house at King's Park on Saturday, February 4th, at 3.30 p.m.

The vernacular press reports that within the past few days more than one hundred complaints have reached the police against the firing of fire-crackers.

Kowloon cinema-goers should note that there will be no movie performance in the Star Theatre at 9.15 this evening, as The Academia do Liceu Central will be giving a concert at that time.

The Japanese freighter, Matsumoto Maru, arriving from Europe, states in her Harbour Office report, that a casualty occurred on board in the Bay of Biscay. No further details are ascertainable.

A Chinese who was recently arrested on a charge of tendering two forged \$10 notes, was this morning discharged by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, there being insufficient evidence of guilty knowledge. Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for the defence.

Most of the river services were resumed yesterday, with alternate departures. Both the West River and Canton services will be at full strength, with the exception of the s.s. Yuet On, which went into dock at Kowloon this morning for the repair of machinery defects.

Thirty-five girls and 76 boys from the Liceu Central de Macau are on a visit to Hongkong. They are visiting the University to-day, whilst to-night they give a concert at the Star Theatre. To-morrow they will visit Kowloon Dock and in the afternoon will play the Club de Recreio at tennis.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and the same number of departures, with Japanese recording the highest number of arrivals and British the best of the departures. Tonnage was high, but inward cargo low. There remained 87 vessels in harbour at 9 a.m., 31 of these being British.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Haruna Maru, Laisang, West Henshaw, President Wilson, Delta, Linan, Gleniffer, Arafura, Sado Maru, Nanning, Benlodi, Antenor, Heilas, City of Madras, Anhui, Heilos, Talamba, Annam Maru, Paling Maru, Chenan.

Before Major Willson, at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Chiang Shu-chu, an interpreter attached to the Central Police Station, was charged with stealing a Chinese long coat, said to have been taken from the possessions of a man detained in connection with a recent prosecution. The case was adjourned for a week.

A sale of Government land was held at the P.W.D. yesterday afternoon, the lot consisting of New Kowloon Inland Lot 1119, adjoining Prince Edward Road, having an area of 3,350 square feet at an annual Crown Rental of \$15. There was only one bid, at the upset price, and the lot was knocked down to Messrs. Hua of 12 Gough Street for the sum of \$3,350.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 26.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.99
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.87 1/2
Helsingfors	139 1/2
Lisbon	230/04
Bucharest	700
Bombay	1/11 1/16
Hongkong	2/04
New York	48 1/4
Geneva	25.81
Milan	92.10
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.81 1/2
Prague	10 1/4
Madrid	23.70
Athens	39 1/4
Rio	5.20 3/32
Shanghai	2/7
Yokohama	1/11 1/4
Silver (spot)	26 1/16
Silver (forward)	26 15/16

—British Wireless.

CANTON'S BANNED UNIONS.

NOT TO BE PERMITTED TO REOPEN.

None of the recently proscribed Labour Unions in Canton will be permitted to re-open, according to a decision by the Government at a recent meeting of the Canton Political Council.

In an edict to the Chief of the Police, Mr. Tang Yin-wah, the Council instructed him to see that all existing Unions should be placed under the strict supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Labour Affairs. It will, moreover, be a punishable offence to organise a new Union without the consent of the authorities.

The 6th Branch Union of the Chinese Seamen's Union, in Canton, has been dissolved by order of the Canton Government. It is stated that the Union was formed immediately after the "Red reign" in Canton, without the consent of the Government, and was under the management of a small party of labourers whose sole intention was to secure the monopoly of putting members of the Union to work in the small vessels in Canton River.

All the labourers working in the Chinese oil shops in Canton struck work yesterday at 1 o'clock. As a result, the price of coconut oil and wood oil increased by leaps and bounds, according to a telegram which a vernacular paper received this morning.

FALSE PRETENCES ALLEGED.

STORY OF SHANGHAI KIDNAPPINGS.

A reflection of prevailing crime conditions in Shanghai was manifested in a Police Court case heard before Major C. Willson this morning, when Ho Tin, 32, a seaman, was charged with endeavouring to obtain \$4,000 from a widow named So Qiu, at Hollywood Road, and also from Chan Luk, a second woman, living at Staunton Street. He was alleged to have obtained the money on false pretences, by stating that he was authorised to collect this sum, which was required for the ransom of three kidnapped relatives of the two women in Shanghai.

Replying to the charges, defendant said that it was a fact that he was so authorised.

Certain important witnesses are expected to come down from Shanghai to-morrow, and, on the application of Detective Sergeant Donovan, defendant was remanded for three days in police custody.

"BEN HUR"

SPECIAL BOOKING COUNTER OPENED.

A special booking counter has been opened for "Ben-Hur" in the lobby of the Queen's Theatre, and seats can now be reserved there for the entire season. The picture begins a run of eight days on Monday. Owing to its exceptional length, there will be only three performances daily, starting promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15.

Cinema-goers who intend to see this famous film would be well advised to book their seats early, as there are sure to be record houses daily. Prices, of admission are as follows:—At 2.30, \$1.50, \$1.00, 60 cents and 40 cents; at 6 p.m. and 9.15, \$2.00, \$1.50, 80 cents and 60 cents.

A NEW COMEDY.

"THE IRRESISTIBLE LOVER" ON SUNDAY.

Norman Kerry, star of many dramas, will be seen for the first time as a full fledged comedian in "The Irresistible Lover," which a special advertisement in to-day's issue announces will be the chief picture at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. Kerry is starred with Lois Moran in the picture which was directed by William Beaudine. The supporting cast embraces Gertrude Astor, Myrtle Stedman, Lee Moran, Arthur Lake, Phillips Smalley and a host of others. "The Irresistible Lover" will be screened for one day only, "Ben-Hur" starting on Monday.

H.M.S. CUMBERLAND LEAVES.

The new cruiser for the China Squadron, H.M.S. Cumberland, the first of the County class, left Sheerness for the East to-day. Router.

The Very Idea!

A young couple that had received many valuable wedding presents established their home in a suburb. One morning they received in the mail two tickets for a popular show in the city, with a single line—"Guess who sent them."

The pair had much amusement in trying to identify the donor, but failed in the effort. They duly attended the show, and had a delightful time. On their return home late at night, still trying to guess the identity of the unknown host, they found the house stripped of every article of value.

And on the bare table in the dining-room was a piece of paper on which was written in the same hand as the enclosure with the tickets—"Now you know!"

A number of children were trampled on but not seriously hurt when 600 adults and children, packed into the Mechanics Hall at Aurora, Toronto, a northern suburb, stamped after a cry of "fire." The power had failed and the lights were extinguished. Windows were smashed that children might be passed out quickly and the clothes of many persons were torn before it was known that the cry was a false alarm.

A wife complained at Tottenham that her husband did not entertain her. Husband: Why, I introduced her to our M.P. and people above our class.

East Ham landlady: It is a pity my lodger does not drink; he would not hang about the house so much. He is a testotaller.

A woman asked Mr. Cairns, magistrate at Woolwich, to read a letter which she said troubled her. Mr. Cairns, after reading: If this is the only trouble you have in the world go home and sing the Doxology.

Barrister at Bow County Court: Did you see the motor-car approaching? Man: No, I felt it, that was sufficient for me.

Young wife at Willesden: My husband deserted me before, but I kind of ran after him and fetched him back.

Judge Sturges, at West London County Court: I have seen only one boxing match, and never went to another because it was so dull.

A small but alert country lad applied for work in a factory, and was sent to the manager.

"What is your name, my lad?"

"Scott, sir," replied the boy promptly.

"And your Christian name?"

"Walter, sir," equally promptly.

"A very well-known name, if I may say so," said the manager.

The boy looked pleased.

"Yes, sir, I've been delivering groceries round here for quite two years now."

Schoolboy howlers:—

The Court of Chancery is so-called because there is no chance of getting your property from it when it has once been looked after by it. Equinees are people who live in Greenland.

The diminutive of man is mankind.

A sheriff is a French cook.

A costume is so-called because it is an expensive dress.

The chief feature of the play of "Richard II." is the decomposition of the king.

A casual question by a woman during the Three Choirs Festival was sufficient to ruin a gramophone record of Cesar Franck's symphony.

The work of reproducing the festival music was carried out by means of the recording van which proved so effective with the Oxford nightingales, but though some good results were obtained, the Cesar Franck is lost for ever. All went well apparently till the end of the first movement of the symphony, when the music ended in an impressive pause.

At that moment a whisper travelled from the cathedral via the microphone and broke the silence in the recording van. "Tell me, my dear, where do you buy your stockings?"

It was a simple, womanly question, but it had an exasperating effect on the men who had spent days preparing to record the performance. By an acoustic accident the woman's voice—probably inaudible to any one more than a few inches from the speaker—had been picked up by the sensitive microphone.

There remained just a chance that the gramophone wax had not received the impression, but the acid baths have shown that the delicate apparatus had faithfully reproduced the words. The music works up to one overwhelming climax: "Tell me, my dear, where do you buy your stockings?"

The work is now known to the gramophone officials as "The Stockinging Symphony."

Commander G. C. Mulholland-Gould, D.S.C., has been appointed to H. M. S. Hawkins, Lieut. Commander R. Leeds to H. M. S. Argus and Lieut. Commander L. M. Bridges to H. M. S. Tamara.

PARISIAN HOAX
RECALLED.M. DELEST ARRESTED AFTER
SEVEN MONTHS.

ROYALIST TRICK.

Paris, Jan. 26.
M. Delest, a colleague of M. Leon Daudet on the Royalist newspaper, *Action Francaise*, who escaped from Sante Prison along with Daudet on June 25th, 1927 has been re-arrested near Mont Do Marsan.—*Reuter*.

The recapture of M. Delest after seven months of liberty recalls the remarkable hoax perpetrated by friends of M. Leon Daudet, as the result of which Daudet, Delest and a Communist named Semart were set free by the Prison Governor.

The astounding "practical joke" was carried out by a young Royalist who telephoned the Governor of Sante Prison, and imitating the voice of M. Sarraut, Minister of the Interior, ordered their release.

Arrested for Libel.

M. Leon Daudet, the editor, and manager of the royalist newspaper *Action Francaise*, was melodramatically arrested on June 13 following disorderly scenes in the newspaper building. Daudet had declined to surrender to serve a five months' sentence passed on him in November 1925 for libelling the driver of a cab in which the body of his son was found shot. He accused the police of murder and waged a strenuous campaign against them. There was considerable fighting at the time he was arrested.

The Hoax.

Twelve days later, by a trick, he was set free and Marquis de Juigne, the Deputy, gave the following account of the incident, as gathered from the staff of the *Action Francaise*: The Governor of the prison received a telephone message at midday that the Government had decided to release Daudet, Delest and Semart. He was instructed to liberate them with as little demonstration as possible.

The Governor of the prison telephoned the Minister of the Interior for confirmation of the instructions, but Royalists intercepted the call, and told the Governor that M. Sarraut was out, but that his private secretary was speaking.

The voice over the phone said: "Haven't you released Daudet yet? Hurry up; send out for a taxi and be quick about it."

The Governor of the prison then released the prisoners, who were utterly unaware of the reason for their liberty being granted.

The Governor of the prison was afterwards suspended by the Cabinet.

THE FINANCES OF
NANKING.MR. SOONG DENIES ATTEMPT
AT FORCED LOAN.

Rumours have been current during the past week of unusual activity on the part of the Nanking Government to raise funds in Shanghai to pass the Chinese New Year, says the *N. C. Daily News* of Friday last. It is known that several tax arrangements have been perfected which have brought revenue to Nanking, but in addition to these, it was suggested that an effort should be made to raise contributions among the Chinese merchants.

Just before he left for Nanking on Thursday, Mr. T. V. Soong, Nationalist Minister of Finance, was seen by a reporter of the *North China Daily News*, who summarized the various rumours and requested Mr. Soong to make a statement, particularly with regard to the report that he was asking the Shanghai Chinese merchants to advance him the sum of \$5,000,000.

Mr. Soong said in reply: "I have devoted myself during the few days that I have been in office to the introduction of some system in the collection of taxes. The same chaotic conditions prevail here as in Canton two and a half years ago. What is needed in government finance as in other lines of government activity, is that work should proceed along orderly channels. By the simple formula of stopping leakages and following the bare rudiments of administrative principles, vast improvements in the collection of revenues can be attained."

Mr. Soong denied the reports of demands on his part and pointed to the fact that the quotation for the \$30,000,000 loan had reached 30, as proof that his activities in reorganizing the collection of revenues so that the government get the money and that it does not suffer from leakages has caused no disturbance of local financial markets.

WHITE RUSSIAN
FORCES.CHINA ADVENTURES
ENDING.

HEAVY SLAUGHTER RECENTLY

After serving their Northern employers through many campaigns which took them from Peking to Shanghai, and receiving in full force the bitterness of Chinese antagonism to white interference in Chinese warfare, the Russian detachments of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's army in Shanghai are reported to be writing "Amis" to their spectacular career of arms in this country, according to reports reaching Shanghai.

The disintegration which has set in in Marshal Chang's army in recent months has hit the White Russian auxiliaries particularly hard, and disbandment has started. No more are these sturdy ex-soldiers of the Tsar likely to be seen fighting with Chang's Chinese soldiers, and dashing up and down the war-torn railways of China in their armoured trains.

General Wounded.

General K. P. Necheff, the man who first organized refugee White Russians into battalions for the Northern war-lords, has already severed his connexion with his war-lord employers. He was expected to arrive in Shanghai last week on the Sakaki Maru from the North, bound for Paris. Necheff is reported to have been seriously wounded in the northern campaigns, and his fighting career has ended.

One of the Shanghai Russian newspapers paints a gloomy picture of the fate of these Russian detachments. It states that the climax to this adventure came recently when a large number of White Russians, dissatisfied with their treatment, seized a Chinese fortress in Shanghai and defied the Chinese to oust them.

52 Killed in Fight.

A regular siege started and lasted 28 days, but at the end of that time the fortress was in the hands of the Chinese and 52 White Russians lay dead inside. The Russian detachment at Tsinanfu has been disbanded, and so have the members of the staff and the cadets. Only the armoured train squadron and the cavalry division remain—as useful bodyguards for the militarists.

For seven months, the men have received no pay, the newspaper states and it added that unless the men were given some money by Chinese New Year, the force would collapse.

Trains Captured.

Nationalist military successes have slashed down the effective strength of the armoured train squadron, for the trains "Peking," "Hupieh," "Chan-Chien" and "Tashan" have been captured by the enemy.

Many desertions are reported, and the newspaper quotes its informant to say that the garrison guard house is full of deserters awaiting trial or punishment.

OUR FOOTBALL
COMPETITION.ONE COMPETITOR WINS
PRIZE.

There were only three claims in respect of last week's Football Competition, although a very large number of readers competed. All forecasts were upset on account of four draws in the eleven matches played, one being postponed. Two of the claims were for eight correct results, and one for nine, the latter being sent in by

Mr. H. Hampton,
c/o. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

If Mr. Hampton will call at this office, we shall be pleased to hand him the prize of \$25.

LOCAL PICTURES.

MANY IN TO-MORROW'S
"TELEGRAPH."

To-morrow's *Telegraph* will contain a varied selection of local pictures, which should be of much interest to our readers.

Included in these will be photographs taken at the weddings of Mr. K. S. Robertson and Miss C. B. Russell, of Mr. E. G. Stewart and Miss D. S. Lander, and of Lieut. M. R. da Costa Zannati and Miss Marie C. N. da Silva; pictures taken at the opening of the Hotel Riviera at Macao, including the official group; snapshots at the presentation of the Prince of Wales' banner to Sea Scouts by H.E. the Governor; and some action pictures of the hockey match at Shamen between Hongkong and Shamen.

BALKAN STATES
AND ITALY.STEPS TOWARDS COMPLETE
READJUSTMENT.

PROTOCOL SIGNED.

Belgrade, Jan. 26.
The signature of the Protocol prolonging provisionally the Italo-Yugo-Slavian Treaty of friendship and cordial collaboration, constitutes, according to the *Politika*, the first step towards complete readjustment in the relations between Italy and Yugo-Slavia.

The provisional arrangement has furnished the basis of the discussions now proceeding for the settlement of all outstanding difficulties.

It has been suggested that the Treaty should simply be prolonged for three years, but the Yugo-Slavian Government has urged that at least the more important questions should be adjusted before the Treaty is definitely renewed.

Rumania's Interests.

London, Jan. 26.
While Italy and Yugo-Slavia are settling their difficulties, M. Titulesco, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, is visiting Rome and has had a lengthy conference with Signor Mussolini.

Afterwards, M. Titulesco declared that the policy of loyal and active collaboration between Italy and Rumania did not conflict with the interests of the "Little Entente," as both aimed at the preservation of peace.

He expressed himself as quite certain that the present difficulties could be overcome in view of the common interests of all civilised nations.—*Reuter*.

THE SHAKESPEARE
FOUNDATION.KING GEORGE APPRECIATES
U.S. CO-OPERATION.

London, Jan. 26.
H.M. the King has sent, through Sir Austen Chamberlain, the following message to the American Shakespeare Foundation:—"The King commands me to express to you his sincere thanks for your telegram conveying the greetings of the American Shakespeare Foundation, and to assure you of the deep interest with which His Majesty has learned of their participation with the British Shakespeare Committee in the rebuilding and the endowment of the Memorial Theatre, at Stratford-on-Avon."

"As patron of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, His Majesty welcomes the co-operation of the American Foundation and cordially appreciates the assistance which American actors and actresses are giving at benefit performances at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York. He trusts this may have results entirely gratifying to the cause which the two organisations have at heart."—*British Wire- less*.

The Pope has ordered that horse-drawn vehicles are to be abolished at the Vatican in the New Year, motor-cars and lorries being substituted for them. The historic coaches will be relegated to the Museum, and the stables will be transformed into garages.

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The new serial which commences in the "Telegraph" on Wednesday next.

It combines all four.

BRITISH POLICY
IN CHINA.A TORY'S OUTSPOKEN
ARTICLE.

THE WRONG HORSE BACKED.

In the course of a lengthy article in *Truth* of December 21st, a "Truthful Tory" writes:

Considering that England has been trading and quarrelling with China since the 18th century, it is astonishing how little our Government knows of Chinese political and social conditions. Our merchants, missionaries, and consuls know; but their knowledge does not seem to penetrate the portals of the Foreign Office. Never did statesman back the wrong horse so conspicuously as Sir Austen Chamberlain, when he treated Eugene Chen as a serious representative of Chinese Nationalism. It was as bad as Mr. Lloyd George's congratulations to Kersky in 1917. Chinese Nationalism is merely the dope handed out by the Third International.

China, like Russia, is too large, too acephalous, and too illiterate for Nationalism to be anything but the slogan of a small gang of political anarchists. The real struggle in China is far more serious than the imaginary one between the reactionaries of Peking and the republicans of Canton. They are only pawns in the game, which is a mortal, though probably a long, contest between two Asiatic Powers, Russia and Japan, for the control of China.

Powers Who Know What They Want.

Russia and Japan are the only Powers who know what they want in China. The Western Powers babble about nationalism and the awakening of a people, while Russia and Japan play the game seriously. Armageddon had hardly begun, when Japan in 1915, delivered its "twenty-one demands" to Sun Yat-sen, the first President. Even the preoccupied belligerents could not stand what amounted to a Japanese protectorate, and Japan was obliged to withdraw and explain.

Next came the turn of Russia. As soon as they had settled their own revolution, the Soviets obtained a control over southern China, chiefly by using Eugene Chen, which lasted from 1920 to the present day, with results too familiar to be recited. Now it looks as if the Bolsheviks were going to be turned out by their former dupes. There is, therefore, a golden opportunity for England to retrieve her earlier blunders. Chen has gone. Is it possible to recover the absurd gifts which Sir Austen Chamberlain made, to that "transient and embarrassed phantom," and, together with Japan, and, if possible, with America, to keep the Bolsheviks out, and agree upon some policy to restore order to China?

No Time to Lose.

There is no time to be lost. England acquired by lease from former Chinese Governments seven concessions: Amoy, Hankow, Kiukiang, Chingkiang, Tientsin, Newchang, and Canton. The system of building cities at great cost out of mudewamps, and municipally administering them by the European lessees, was suggested by the Chinese themselves, and has worked admirably.

It is impossible that concessions like Hankow and Canton can be ruled by a municipal council, of which the majority and the president shall be Chinese. All Chinese officials, as everybody knows, are frankly corrupt; they would be thought fools otherwise. As Chen and his government have vanished, there is a legitimate opportunity of cancelling these reckless agreements with a Bolshevik puppet, which have undone the work of nearly a century.

If the United States is willing to join Japan and ourselves in putting an end to a state of things which is wasting the estate of one of the richest countries in the world, and is a scandalous satire upon the civilization of the 20th century, so much the better. But if intervention in China together with Britain and Japan would be bad business during a year of presidential politics, I see no reason why we should wait for America. Once already we have imperilled our Eastern interest by denouncing our alliance with Japan to please America. What have we got for it? Please let us not continue that thankless policy.

Arrangements have been made by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, with the consent of the Postmaster-General, for the importation by sample post of small packets containing bona fide trade samples of chemicals liable to Key Industry Duty, other than dangerous drugs and dyestuffs. This concession came into force on January 15.

REPARATION STORY.

SPLENDID NEW SERIAL
BEGINS NEXT WEEK.

ABSORBING TALE PROMISED.

Thrill upon thrill accompany the working out of Mr. Douglas Newton's serial from the moment of the death of a well-known financier until the whole mystery is cleared up by Joyce Allyn. There is a strong love interest, too, running through the story, and rounded off in the final scene. Until this is reached, there is no slackening of the interest for a single moment.

The first instalment of the serial which has been secured by the *Telegraph*, will appear on Wednesday next, February 1st.

The Author.

Since 1914 the name of Wilfrid Douglas Newton has become a familiar one to lovers of a good novel of excitement and adventure. In that year his "War" and "The North Affair" met with a good reception, and these were followed in fairly rapid succession by "The Undying Story," "Phillip in Particular," "Over the Top," "Phillip and the Flapper," "The War Cache," and "Green Ladies." While these books were being written Mr. Newton was assisting in the editing of "Great Deeds of the Great War," and was leader and military writer on "Lloyd's Weekly News," beside being military critic on the "Illustrated War News."

After the war Mr. Newton, as special correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, accompanied H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his 1919 tour in Newfoundland, Canada and the United States. His impressions of the tour were published in "Westward with the Prince of Wales," in 1920.

Since then two novels from Mr. Newton's pen, "Low Ceilings," 1921, and "Double Crossed," 1922, have established his reputation both as a highly gifted writer of sensational stories with a strong human element, and as one who handles a theme subtly, with humour and great dramatic and emotional power. The result is invariably an absorbingly interesting tale and a sound piece of literature.

U. S. & NICARAGUA.

SENATE UNDECIDED ON
POLICY.

Washington, Jan. 26.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed the administration's Nicaraguan policy, but did not decide whether to recommend an investigation. Mr. Borah, who favours a "constructive inquiry," which in his opinion might be useful in generally improving relations with the Latin-American Republics, stated at the conclusion of the meeting that the matter would be brought up again. Meanwhile, the Republican Mr. Blaine, has brought the matter up in the Senate itself, with a protest against the employment of marines in Nicaragua.—*Reuter's American Service*.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1 Who are the Arunta about whom a controversy has recently arisen?
- 2 What is the meaning of "obtuseness," of which Mr. George Bernard Shaw professes complete ignorance?
- 3 Where has a spiritualistic seance recently been held in a police station, and why?
- 4 Where has a boy descendant of a Saxon king just been elected a bishop?
- 5 What is an adonson and how is it purchased?
- 6 What European State is known as Helvetia, and why?
- 7 What is the estimated annual waste from discarding the un-smoked ends of cigarettes?
- 8 What recent litigation is declared to be "the greatest lawsuit in history" and how many thousand millions are involved in it?
- 9 What is the nearest point to a house at which motor spirit may be stored?
- 10 What is the average number of persons who are killed in London per day by vehicles of all sorts?
- 11 What were the highest and lowest prices of British wheat per quarter during the past twenty-one years?
- 12 Who instituted the Order of Merit and when, and what is the largest number of persons on whom it can be conferred?

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NEWSPAPERS LEAD ALL OTHERS

An interesting survey was recently conducted of a middle western American city of more than half a million people, to find out where the buying public received its inspiration for their purchasing. The question was asked what form of advertising influenced them—most—magazine, street car, billboard or newspaper. In order to be fair, newspapers were put at the end of the list. The results were as follows:

Kind of Advertising	Number Influenced	Per Cent Population
Newspapers	110,868	90.3
Magazine	9,050	7.3
Street Car	2,036	1.6
Billboard	731	0.6

The German Parliament has authorized the Government to appoint a general inspector of finances, an economic expert, a paymaster general and a chief accountant. The two former will be Germans, and the two latter Swiss.

New York, Dec. 23.—General Motors Corporation are introducing a complete new line of Chevrolet cars on January 1, of the larger and heavier models at about present prices.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

LEAGUE SOCCER.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURE LIST.

QUEEN'S MEETING R. A.

[By "Wanderer"]

The clash of the Queen's Royal Regiment with the Royal Artillery is the most interesting match on the Hongkong Football League schedule for to-morrow. The list is smaller than usual owing to the Interport visit.

The fixtures, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, is as follows:

Senior Division.

H.K. Club v. R.A.F.—Club, 4 p.m.—Mr. Austin.
South China v. K.O.S.B.—Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.—Mr. Gilbert.
R.A. v. Queen's—Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.—Mr. Barber.

Junior Division "A".

K.O.S.B. v. R.A.—Sookunpoo, 2.30.—Mr. Lonsdale.
S. China "A" v. Kowloon—U.S.R.C., 2.30.—Mr. Hinchins.
Recreo v. S. China "B"—S. China, 2.30.—Mr. Willis.
Club v. St. Joseph's—Club, 2.30.—Mr. Gilmore.
Chinese Ath. v. University—St. Jos., 2.30.—Mr. Phillips.

Junior Division "B".

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon—St. Jos., 4 p.m.—Mr. Suny.
S. China "B" v. Boy Scouts—Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.—Mr. Stokes.
Kung Mo v. Chinese Ath.—Recreo, 2.30.—Mr. Cowan.

The Senior Matches.

The Hongkong F.C. and South China are the only civilian clubs engaged in league football to-morrow, and there will be little keen interest until the return of the Interport team. The Club meet the R.A.F. to-morrow and if the previous result can be accepted as an indication, the airman should win comfortably.

The most thrilling game may be expected on the Sookunpoo ground where the Queen's and R.A. meet. The previous game was excellently fought, and a game on similar lines will repay the journey to Causeway Bay. The Queen's should win, though they will need to go all out.

South China's improvement is indicated by their wins in friendly matches earlier this week, but if the K.O.S.B. and their weak points, no surprise will be occasioned.

Up With Fixtures.

The Junior Division "A" appears to be the only division which has been trying seriously to keep up with its fixture list. The Club Reserves have been the worst delinquents, but other matches postponed have been proportionately few.

To-morrow a full list is on the schedule. The K.O.S.B. Reserves are unlikely to meet with any difficulty in defeating the R.A. Reserves. Kowloon should win again, the South China "B" team look likely winners, while St. Joseph's and the Chinese Athletic should both be on the winning side.

In the Junior "B" division, the only match of interest is that between Kung Mo and the Chinese Athletic. These teams were earlier on fighting out for the championship, but Kung Mo have suffered a relapse and are not now in the running.

Scottish Team.

The following have been selected to represent Scotland in a practice match against H.M.S. Titania, on the Hongkong Football Club ground, on Sunday next, kick-off 3.45 p.m. Rogers; Hirst and Johnston; Air, Stewart and Curwell; Campbell, Orme, McKelvie, McGlinchey and Craig. Reserve—W. L. Alexander.

K.O.S.B. GYMKHANA.

AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

An extremely attractive programme has been arranged for the K.O.S.B. Gymkhana, to be held at the Kwantli steppes on Sunday afternoon.

In addition to other events, there will be hitting the polo ball, ladies' bending race and a mule Derby.

The public are invited, the admission charge being one dollar.

INTERPORT GOLF.

HONGKONG LEAD ON MANILA IN FOUR-BALLS.

YESTERDAY'S PLAY.

The first day's play in the triangular Interport golf tournament took place at Fanning yesterday, when Hongkong played Manila in four-ball matches, Hongkong leading up at the close of the day with a lead of four points to two.

Hongkong's strongest pair, (T. D. C. Pendered and I. R. Andrews) were opposed to E. J. Nell and Capt. Fielder, and the surprise of the day was that Pendered and Andrews were beaten, 3 and 2. There was some very fine play in the morning, the Manila pair finishing two up. Pendered and Nell both went round in 79. Fielder did the 16th, in two (on with his drive and down with his first putt). In the afternoon, the game fluctuated but little, both pairs playing some excellent golf. Manila's lead was at one stage reduced to one, but the game ended on the 16th, green, Manila winning 3 and 2.

The match between Capt. Drakino and Capt. Bloxham (Hongkong) and G. M. Ivory and Lieut. Cranston (Manila) went in favour of the Hongkong pair by the rather wide margin of 6 and 4. In the morning, the play was "patchy"—sometimes brilliant and sometimes not very good. At the end of the 12th, the score was "all square" but from that stage on, the Hongkong players predominated and finished 4 up. In the afternoon, Cranston began remarkably, doing the first three holes in an aggregate of nine (two under bogey). But he failed to be consistent and the Hongkong players were three up at the 10th. They won the next two (becoming dormant five) and Blakey won the next with a brilliant three, the match thus ending 6 and 4 in favour of the home pair.

L. G. S. Dodwell and G. Murray (Hongkong) beat J. H. R. Mason and Capt. I. Yates (Manila) by 4 and 2 after a close game. In the morning, the match was "all square" after Sandy's Pulpit (14th), and the 15th and 16th were halved. The last two holes were won by Hongkong, giving them the lead for the "fifth" interval. In the afternoon, the game went very evenly throughout the first half, but Hongkong was four up at the end of the twelfth. The end came at Braeside, Hongkong winning by 4 and 2.

The match being played to-day is Hongkong v. Shanghai, in four-somes.

SINGULAR LINKS PROBLEM.

AN ALL TOO ENGAGING WORM.

Without knowing it, and, no doubt, without desiring it, a certain Mr. Shaw, of Bournemouth, has become famous, and all because of a loathsome worm, his special case having been the subject of a considered judgment on the part of the Supreme Court sitting at St. Andrews. Playing in a medal competition, Mr. Shaw, it seems, on the advice of his caddy, removed a live worm from the ball while holding the ball in position with the tips of his fingers so as not to cause it to move from its position. That the ball did not move is not questioned, but the fact that Mr. Shaw touched the ball at all is quite irregular. St. Andrews has decided that the player has incurred a penalty of a stroke. One of two interesting matters arise from this incident, one being that caddies are not infallible in their interpretation of the rules. It is only human that caddies should err on the side of their employers in situations presenting doubt; therefore players should always be on their guard against explanations, however plausible they may appear, by directly interested parties.

Zeal is always to be commended, but "of the true and the false what vain judges we are!" Caddies are extraordinary people. Duncan tells the story of an American caddy who apologised most profusely for a bad lie in the rough, all because "the other fellow was looking," but promising "better luck next time." And there was the St. Andrews caddy, who, vitally interested in a certain match, borrowed a spy-glass and placed it in a bunker into which the other side had driven. When the opponent came to the ball he saw the caddy and acted exactly as the caddy had so

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 28th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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Swindon v. Wednesday.
Reading v. Leicester.
Stoke v. Bolton.
Arsenal v. Everton.
Exeter v. Blackburn.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Norwich v. Walsall.
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shrewdly suspected; the player picked up the sovereign before playing. In a flash came the exultant shout "Our hole." It is an old trick.

The underlying principle governing the Bournemouth incident is that worms, mud, or any substance adhering to the ball, does not make it unfit for play, and unless there is a local rule permitting wiping of the ball on the putting green, it must be played in the condition in which it is found. At Bournemouth there is no such local rule, therefore Mr. Shaw committed a punishable offence by the mere act of touching the ball. Worms, whether alive or dead, are defined by St. Andrews as a "lose impediment," and as they are not included among the four things that can be scraped aside by the club they must be picked up, if they happen to be in the way, by the fingers; that is if the player so wishes. Flicking aside a loose impediment by the fingertips is an illegal act, as a player at North Surrey discovered to his cost. "Abuses are likely to arise," says St. Andrews, "if the word 'loose impediment' is not interpreted in its strict sense, and by flicking the impediment aside the player cannot strictly be held to have 'lifted' it." In this case, the defendant was penalised two strokes.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

PROBLEMS IN HEALTH THROUGH AVIATION.

Physicians who have charge of the health of army and navy aviators have found numerous special problems associated with this occupation and they are beginning to develop a special hygiene as a sort of standard.

Flying efficiency depends not only on the physical condition of the aviator at the time of his first examination, but also on the maintenance of this efficiency throughout the aviator's flying life.

The eyes are the most important factor from the physical requirement point of view as is pointed out by Commander R. G. Davis of the medical corps of the United States Navy. Sharpness of vision alone is not sufficient, but there must be perfect balance of the muscles so that the aviator has the maximum of binocular vision; all movements must be perfectly co-ordinated.

Guarding the Vision.

Dust, oil, sand and glare will produce congestion of the eyelids and of the eye itself which will impair vision and ruin judgment as to landing. Therefore, goggles with adequate side screens and lenses of plain non-breakable glass should always be worn.

The goggles recommended must have a wide visual field and they are mounted on a face pad of rubber or wool. The eyes are examined repeatedly, since it is known that vision may be impaired following a severe cold or the prolonged use of the eyes in close technical problems.

The care of the ears is important as well. Aviators know the necessity of maintaining an equal air pressure on each side of the ear drum. Changes in altitude vary the pressure greatly.

In rapid descents the aviator swallows frequently in order to equalize air pressure on each side of the ear drum. Sometimes it is necessary to hold the nose and blow in order to expand the ear drum when congestion may be present.

Greatly unequal drum pressure will produce sudden severe pain and may cause a perforation of the ear drum. For this reason, examiners for the aviation corps are likely to disqualify pilots who have ear drums with scars or with severe inflammations.

Plugging the Ears. It is also known that blocking of the eustachian tubes which pass from the throat to the ear may result in dizziness or lack of co-ordination, so that the examiner makes sure that both tubes are open before he accepts the candidate.

The roar of the motor reduces the hearing ability and it is frequently customary to keep a plug of cotton in the external ear to protect the hearing sense when flying.

One of the conditions that the medical corps guards against is stalesness. The strain of flying produces a progressive lowering of efficiency with a depression of mental and physical activity.

Various forms of stalesness have been described as related to the muscles, the nerves, or the breathing apparatus, and also that related to disorders of digestion. Since stalesness is a potent factor in crashes, the hygienists recommend a complete rest or change of environment for from a few days to a month whenever signs of stalesness appear in the flyer.

EXECUTED RUSSIAN VICE-CONSUL.

DETAILS OF CAREER OF M. HASSIS.

Interesting details about the career of Vice-Consul Hassis, the Soviet Russian official who was among the many Russians executed in Canton when the punitive troops re-obtained control of the city after the Communist outbreak, are given by a Shanghai Russian paper, which extracted them from the Moscow official paper *Izvestia*. Long accounts of the terrible vengeance taken by the Chinese troops against the Russians were given in these papers.

The official's full name was Abram Isakovitch Hassis. He was born in 1894 and joined the Communist Party in 1916. In his younger days he was engaged solely in the military side of Soviet activities. He joined the Red army and for some years was commander. Later, he was transferred to the Eastern branch of the military academy and graduated as politico-military officer in 1924.

His next post was with the Far Eastern Department of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, better known as the People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, states the *Izvestia*.

His first active post with the Soviet diplomatic service in China was furnished in February, 1925, when he was made secretary at the Soviet Consulate at Hankow. From that place, he was transferred to Canton, being elevated to the rank of Vice-Consul, which he possessed at the time when the guns of the Chinese avengers of the Communist uprising sent him to his death.

ARMS SHIPMENTS TO CHINA.

MANNER OF THEIR DISTRIBUTION.

Shanghai Jan. 20. With one steamer already reported to have landed a large consignment of arms and ammunition for the armies of Marshals Chang Tso-lin and Sun Chuan-fang, and another steamer on her way to Newchwang with another large consignment, the Nationalist Government is contemplating action regarding this suppliers of the cargo.

A report made to the Government Council recommends that, if the reports are verified, the offices of offending German firms, now existing in territory under Nationalist control shall be sealed, and both foreigners and Chinese implicated be arrested and punished on the grounds of "treason and rebellion."

The shipments, according to reports, has been distributed in the following manner:

1. The First Fengtien Army corps received 2,278 cases containing 7,000 rifles, 1,100,750 rounds of ammunition, 7,000 bolts, 4,950 bayonets, 10 light machine guns, together with 100,000 rounds of ammunition.

2. The Second Fengtien Army Corps received 4,075 cases containing 203,250 rifles, 500,000 rounds of ammunition, 350 pistols together with 90,000 rounds of ammunition, 2,000 illuminating shells, 5,000 Mauser rifles, 20,000 rounds of Mauser ammunition and 50,000 pounds of smokeless powder.

3. The Third Fengtien Army Corps received 993 cases containing 1,008, 702 carbine rifles, 250 pistols and 125,420 rounds of ammunition.

THE CONQUEROR'S SEAL.

KING WILLIAM'S CHARTER TO LONDON.

The White Seal which William the Conqueror affixed to the Charter which he granted to the City of London shortly after the Battle of Hastings has been found by Mr. A. H. Thomas, Clerk of the Records to the Corporation.

The document has been preserved in the Guildhall for eight centuries. In the course of time the seal began to crack, and eventually was lost.

"Every ancient records office," Mr. Thomas stated recently, "has miscellaneous documents and fragments of seals awaiting identification. Some months ago a box containing fragments of a seal was examined by me in the ordinary course of work. After piecing the fragments together I identified it as an impression of the second seal of William the Conqueror."

The wording of King William, Charter is as follows: "William, King, greets William, Bishop and Gosfrith Portreeve, and all the Burgesses within London, French and English, friendly: And I declare to you that I will that ye be of all the laws worthy that ye were in King Edward's day (the Confessor). And I will that every child be his father's heir after his father's day and I will not suffer that any man offer you any wrong. God keep you."

The commission for the memorial statue to the late Marquess Curzon has been given to Sir Brtram Macdonnell, who has been responsible for much public work, including the statues of Queen Victoria in India, Australia, and elsewhere. The memorial tomb of King Edward at Windsor, and the statues of King Edward in London, Calcutta, and Australia. The intention is to erect a full-length statue of Lord Curzon in Carlton House-terrace, where he so long resided, and also a plaque in Westminster Abbey.



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CANTON BANK CASE.

EIGHT CHARGES WITHDRAWN.

The case was continued at the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon in which Wong Chung-chu, a former Finance Commissioner of Canton, who held office during the "Iron-side" regime, was charged with the alleged theft of huge sums of money from the Central Bank of China.

Eight Charges Withdrawn.

When the hearing continued in the afternoon, Mr. Sheldon stated that eight of the eleven charges were to be withdrawn as he indicated that there was insufficient evidence to proceed on them.

Counsel continuing his opening said that Wong instructed the compradore of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Shanghai to remit the \$180,632 to a man named Sui Sang, a fictitious name. It was to be sent to the Bank of East Asia.

The compradore of the Bank could not send the money, so he remitted through the Wing Sang Bank \$101,680 and the remaining money he made up in a parcel and Mr. Wong, the fugitive, asked him to remit it to T. V. Soong, of the Central Bank of Shanghai. The compradore, however, could not do that and the money was then handed to Mr. Doyle, of the Hongkong Bank.

The Tak Wing Bank here received a letter from the Wing Sang Bank of Canton to pay the sum of \$101,680 to a Mr. Sui Sang of the Bank of East Asia of Hongkong.

Mr. Sheldon continuing said that the managing partner of the Wing Sang Bank stated that he obtained the money from Shanghai and remitted it to his agents in Hongkong, the Tak Wing Bank, for the account of the defendant. The money arrived at the Tak Wing Bank and on the day of its arrival a man came into the Bank and said that his name was Sui Sang and that he came from the Bank of East Asia and added that the sum should be delivered, as soon as possible. The Tak Wing Bank did that and got a receipt from the Bank of East Asia in their book for the money they paid.

Paid By Mistake.

Later in the day, a *fohi* of the Bank of East Asia appeared at the Tak Wing and stated that the money was paid into the Bank of East Asia by mistake and had to be returned. A representative of the Tak Wing proceeded to the Bank of East Asia and was told to take the money back, and the money was accordingly returned.

Mr. Sheldon then related what happened at the Bank of East Asia. Two men went into the Bank and were seen and interviewed by one of the clerks who knew one of the men and in fact, had been at school with him at Canton. At 12 o'clock that day, the money was received from the Tak Wing Bank and a receipt was given. As soon as the money was received, one of the two men, Chiu Tit-sang by name, went to the telegraphic transfer depart-

ment of the bank and signed an application in the name of Sui Sang that the money should be sent in Shanghai dollars to Soong Tze Vang, who is no other than T. V. Soong. Mr. Sheldon said that there they had the evidence that the man Chiu, well known to the members of the staff of the Bank of East Asia, endeavored to get this money under the name of Sui Sang, which was the name in which the fugitive had asked the compradore of the Hongkong Bank to send the money.

The transaction, said Mr. Sheldon, was looked upon as rather strange by the Bank of East Asia and, after certain interviews, it was refused on the plea that they did not know who this man Sui Sang was. Eventually, after further conversation, the money was sent back to the Tak Wing Bank, the two men agreeing that it should be sent back.

Funds of Taxpayers.

Mr. Sheldon indicated that that was a brief outline of the case and added that the funds of the Central Bank of Canton were in fact the funds of the Government and therefore funds of the taxpayers of Canton.

Mr. Sheldon, speaking of the jargon, said there was evidence that the funds of the Bank were taken out by Wong, without any right to do so. They were taken out of the proper place where they belonged with intention to deprive the Government and the taxpayer of the money. Mr. Sheldon suggested that Mr. Wong did the act with felonious intent, either for his own aggrandizement or for the benefit of certain friends.

This closed the opening address of Counsel for the Crown.

Mr. Potter on rising to speak said that the case was a travesty and asked his Worship whether any judge in the Supreme Court could find the fugitive guilty of larceny on the opening of Mr. Sheldon. He said that they all knew who Mr. T. V. Soong was and according to the opening there was not even a suggestion that the fugitive ever intended to put a farthing into his own pocket. What he did as Minister of Finance was another matter. In a turn of the wheel of fortune, perhaps other officials now ruling in Canton would find themselves in a similar position as the defendant.

Mr. Potter emphasized the fact that there was no evidence to show that the defendant wanted to convert the money to his own pocket, neither was there evidence to show that what he did was not done as Minister of Finance.

No Offence.

Mr. Potter said that regarding the carrying of money into Shanghai by coolies employed by Wong, he could not see where the criminal offence lay. There might be a civil offence at the most. After giving several illustrations, Mr. Potter expressed himself as being at a loss to understand where the felonious intent came in. He repeated that the case was a travesty and suggested that his Worship had

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KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	15,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marseilles & London
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MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
KARMALA	9,128	11th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
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CANTON BANK CASE.

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never heard of anything like it before.

"I put it to your Worship fair and square. Do you believe there was any larceny? I put it to Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Shenton. I don't suppose they will say there is," added Mr. Potter.

Mr. Potter continuing said that the matter was nothing more than politics from beginning to end. Mr. Wong was Finance Minister and he reminded the Court of the possible presumption that every thing was rightly done.

Mr. Potter, touching the fact that \$500,000 was remitted to Chiang Kai-shek, said that that would take up a very big portion of the \$830,000 in Canton Currency. A Minister of Finance ordering five lakhs to be sent to Chiang Kai-shek did not amount to a criminal offence. He added that every cent of the three charges went either to T. V. Soong or Chiang Kai-shek and not a farthing went into the pocket of Mr. Wong. Every payment out of the bank was supported by a document which was chopped.

Mr. Potter added that it was well known that Chiang and Soong were in some way attached to certain parties at Canton and that these persons must be judicially recognised.

Mr. Potter asked whether any learned judge would let a case like that go to the jury. He asked why they should assume criminality? They were told that the "Ironside" was in control of Canton and that the Central Bank was the Government Treasury. Who then did the fugitive deprive of the money? If the Canton Government wanted to take a civil action they were at liberty to do so.

At this stage Mr. Lindsell indicated to Mr. Sheldon that he must agree that it would be a waste of time for him not to take cognisance of the fact that there is a party of the Government of Canton at Shanghai.

Mr. Sheldon said that the Government of Canton had been governed by a body under the chairmanship of Li Chai-sum for two years and that Li Chai-sum was the person in authority, uninteruptedly except for a short period in December when by force of arms the "Ironside" got control of Canton.

Mr. Sheldon asked what claim the fugitive had over the bank's money, he being the representative of a "rebel" government.

Legal argument followed, in the course of which Mr. Potter pointed out that no matter how long Li Chai-sum had been in control of Canton, the fact remained that for three weeks he was dispossessed by the "Ironside" and the point was not "What right had Wong to deal with the monies?" but it was a question of whether the Crown had tendered any evidence to show his Worship that Wong intended to act criminally.

He said that no jury would convict the defendant.

Mr. Lindsell indicated that he would put the case over until to-day at 2.15 p.m. in order to consider the cases quoted in the course of the legal argument, and to decide whether a case of larceny had been made out at all.

HEALTH RETURNS.

MORE ENTERIC FEVER.

The return of cases of notifiable diseases which occurred in the Colony during the week ended January 21, gives one report of small-pox, from Kowloon, the victim being Chinese. There were also two cases of diphtheria, one Portuguese and one Chinese (imported). Two deaths from diphtheria occurred.

Enteric fever cases were four in number, one being British and three Chinese. There was one Indian case of cerebro-spinal fever, and one death from influenza.

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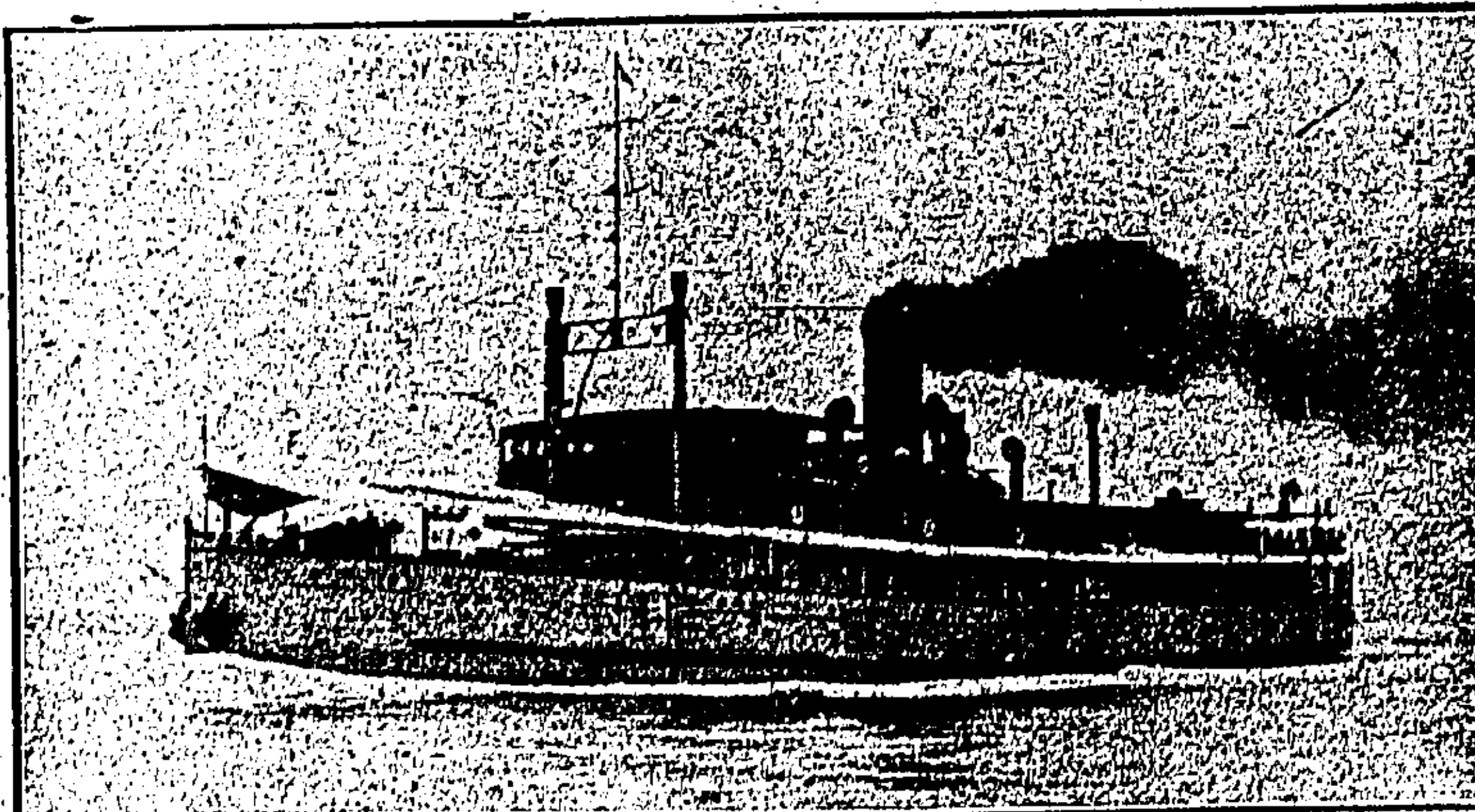
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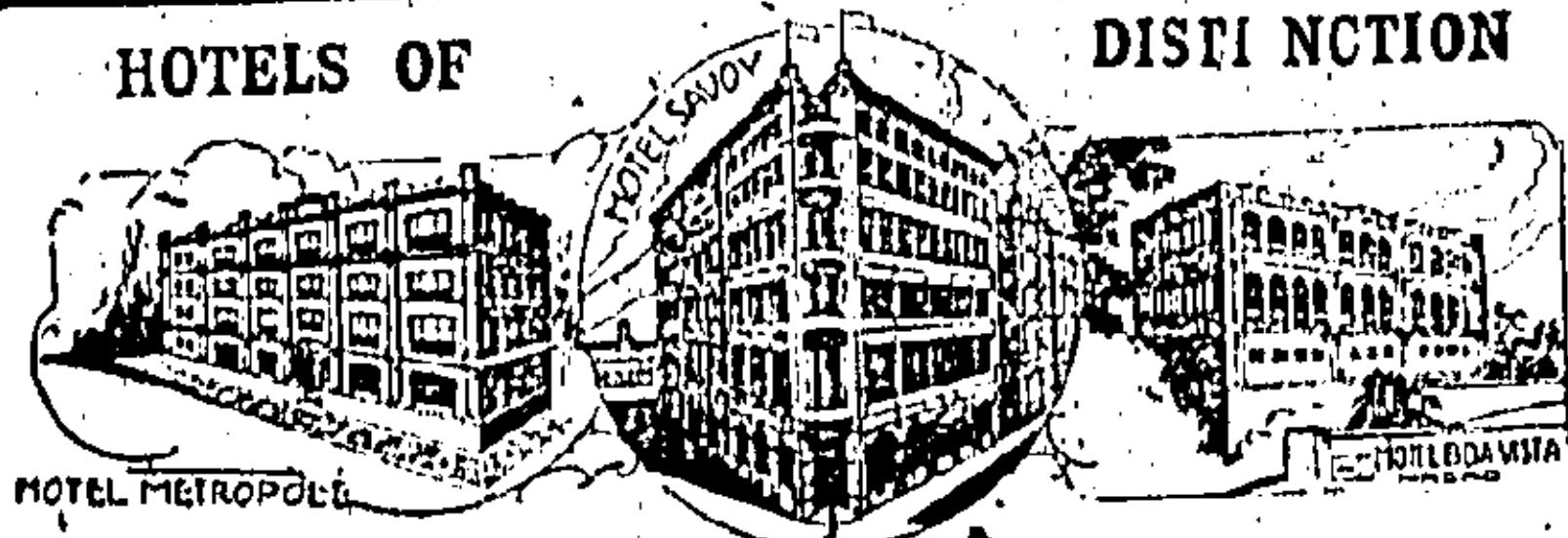
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TERRORISM NEAR
SWATOW.

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temples have been widely burnt
down, also.

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said to consist of a close corpora-
tion of not much more than a
hundred people, and recognition
as a full Communist is difficult to
secure. This secret organisation,
with Phang Phai at its head, con-
trols the activities of the party
in the district. Outside the party
are a large number who are either
qualifying for membership, or are
intimidated to act as its agents.
Intimidation is said to account
for the large proportion of those
who obey the orders of the party.

Some ten miles beyond Kong-
pheng they have their camp and
hospital headquarters, and an-
other ten miles into the hills is
their fastness. To this there is
only one road, and that a difficult
hilly approach, well-guarded. In
the event of any action being
taken against them by the mili-
tary it to this place they would
retire until the storm had swept
past, unless indeed they were
ejected even from there.

Swatow, Jan. 25.
Since writing yesterday of the
nature of the anti-Christian cam-
paign of the Hai-Luk Pung Com-
munists, a letter has come to hand
saying the Communists intend to
issue a proclamation giving all
Christians a brief time-limit
within which to renounce their
faith, on pain of death. There
is yet no confirmation of this.

H.M.S. Magnolia is in port and
yesterday 4 Japanese destroyers
came in.

Invented Stories.
The Hongkong Telegraph for
last Thursday, Friday and Satur-
day came to hand last night. The
Swatow news from Chinese
sources, reproduced from a ver-
nacular paper and which the
Telegraph suggested should be
taken with reserve, is entirely in-
accurate. The invention of such
stories is to be deplored since
there is, in absence of reliable
news, some ground for apprehen-
sion.

The report of the capture of
Swatow by the forces of Chang
Fak-kwai needs now no denial;
that, in any case, was very vague.
More inexcusable is the circum-
stantial report of a fight on the
railway between a regiment of the
13th Army and a band of Com-
munists advancing on Swatow.
No-one whom I have met has so
much as heard of it, and the casual-
ties and executions stated to have
occurred would have created a
great sensation if the report had
been true. The nearest approach
in the realm of reality to this
yarn is this:—Some Communists
attacked in the night the goods
wagons at the railway station, and
set them on fire. The alarm was
given, and the military guard at
the station drove off the attackers,
and took four prisoners, while the
Fire Brigade dealt with the fire.
—Our Own Correspondent.

HOME BY-ELECTION
RESULT.FAVERSHAM RETAINED BY
CONSERVATIVES.

FOUR CANDIDATES.

London, Jan. 26.

The by-election in the Faver-
sham Division of Kent, caused by
the death of Lieut-Col. Sir Gran-
ville Wheeler (Conservative) re-
sulted as follows:

Mr. Maitland (Con.) 12,007
Mr. Leigh Amon (Lab.) 11,818
Mr. Freeman Dunn (Lib.) 5,813
Mr. Hallwood (Ind. Con.) 1,090

The result of the last election
was:—Sir Granville Wheeler (Con-
servative), 14,432; Rev. S. J. W.
Morgan (Labour), 9,180; Mr. A. J.
Solomon (Liberal), 7,132.—British
Wireless.

Miss Lloyd George Invited.

London, Jan. 26.

Miss Megan Lloyd George, the
daughter of the Liberal leader, is
being approached by the Liberals
of Anglesey to become the Liberal
candidate for the county, on the
retirement, after the present
Parliament, of Sir Robert Thomas,
the Liberal member. At the last
election, the sitting member had a
majority of 827 against the
Labour candidate.

BRITISH BANKER'S
OPTIMISTIC.

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growing role in the economic life
of the country but it was an illu-
sion to suppose that their pros-
perity counter-balanced the de-
pression of the old industries.

Full attainment of prosperity
was, he concluded, impossible un-
less the coal, iron, steel, ship-
building, cotton and wool indus-
tries were also enjoying full
activity.—Reuter.

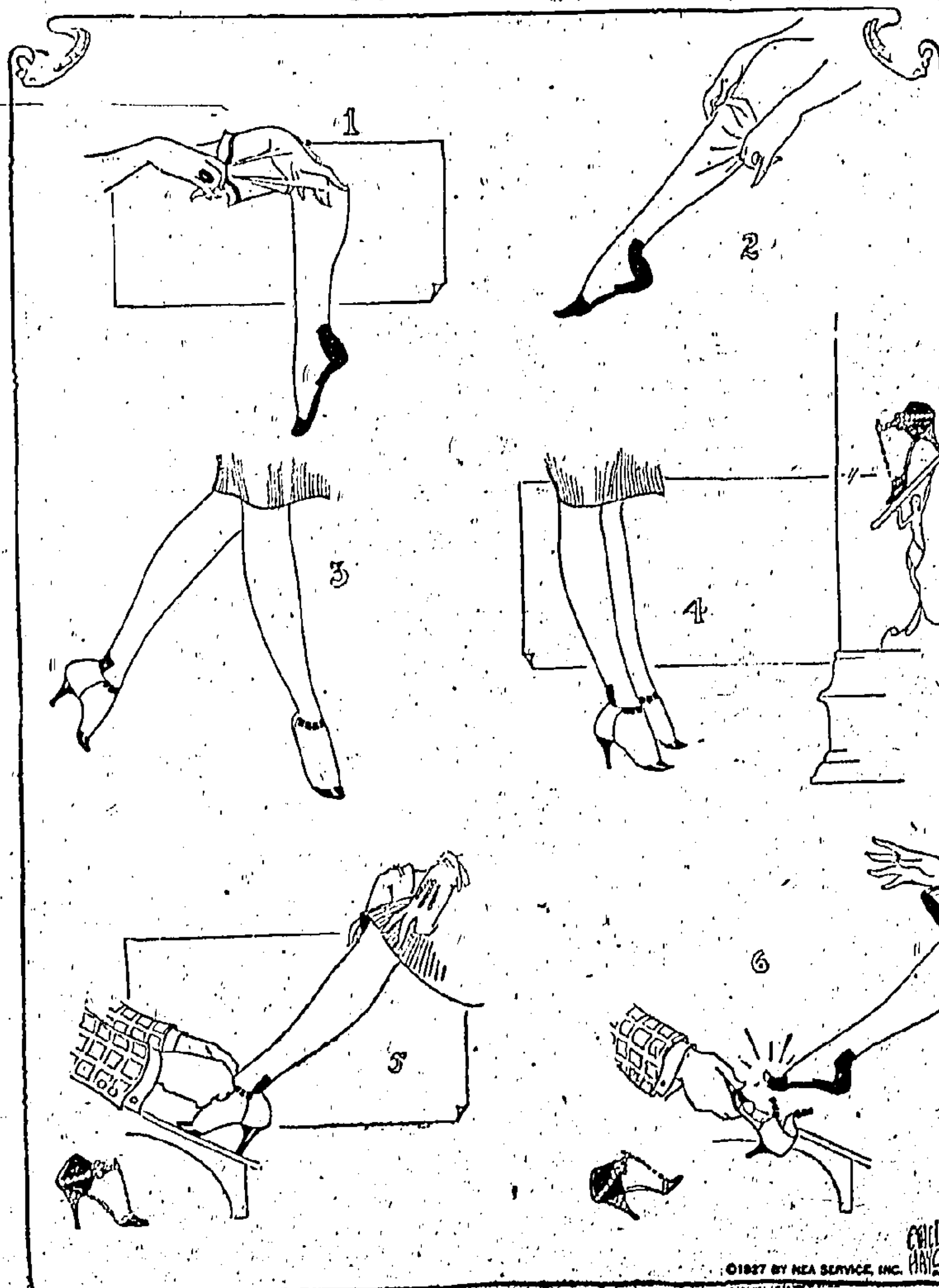
Public Capital Investments.

London, Jan. 26.

Presiding at the annual meet-
ing of the National Provincial Bank,
Sir Harry Goschen, the Chairman,
said the public in 1927 subscribed
£27,000,000 as 1928 capital for
industrial purposes, "which is an
indication of the country's
savings."

Sir Harry Goschen thought that,
despite banking amalgamations,
the rivalry between banks in
Britain was never more acute and
American and other foreign
bankers were competing with the
British market. It was evident
that the Americans are doing their
utmost to divert to the United
States the profitable business
which was previously confined to
British Banks.—Reuter.

GOAT GETTERS.



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TANKERS NEAR
LONDON.LIVERPOOL'S DANGER CITED
AT INQUIRY.

Mr. David Owen, General Man-
ager of the Port of London
Authority, gave evidence at the
Ministry of Transport Inquiry
into the proposal to allow petrol-
laden ships to navigate the Thames
as far as Purfleet, instead of
Thames Haven, which is 16 miles
further east.

He did not think there was much
risk involved in extending to the
new limit proposed.

Mr. G. P. Langton, K. C. (for the
Shell-Mex Group, who opposed the
proposal)—So far as Liverpool is
concerned, they are not having a
very happy Christmas?—We know
what has happened there.

You are not looking forward with
pleasure to a similar occurrence
anywhere in the Port of London?—
Certainly not.

If a vessel as far as Purfleet
were to come into collision on the
flood tide, a very large quantity of
oil might be released and come up
to the dock?—Yes.

And that would cause grave
anxiety, not only to the public, but
to the Port of London Authority?—
Yes.

Mr. Herbert Barringer, member
of a firm of consulting engineers,
said he had designed and superin-
tended the construction of 93 oil
tankers. In a large tanker from
800 to 900 tons of petrol were
carried in one compartment. There
had been cases of fire on board a
tanker, which it had been impos-
sible to put out.

Sir Leslie Scott (for the London
County Council, who also opposed
the scheme)—In the Gravesend
Reach that would not be a nice
thing?—No, it would not.

Mr. Barringer expressed the
opinion that "tankers don't leak
much through the shell."

Mr. Anfilogoff (London and
Thames Haven Oil Wharves,
Limited)—You have not been in-
formed about the formidable list
of leaky tankers which put into the
Thames.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—

1. Inhabitants of Central Australia, said
to date from the Stone Age and now rapidly
diminishing. 2. Taciturnity. 3. At Charley,
Texas, with the object of locating the body
of a girl who had been drowned. 4. Harold
Goodwin has just been elected in accord-
ance with an ancient custom at Berden, in
Essex. 5. Right of presentation to a rectory
or vicarage. It is heritable and may be sold
or bequeathed. 6. Switzerland, from Helvetia,
the ancient people who inhabited its western
portion. 7. £18,000,000 on the basis of 100-
000,000 being emitted daily in England. 8.
The St. Louis and O'Fallon railway appeal
case. The sum involved is £2,200,000,000.
9. Twenty feet. 10. Three. 11. 80s. 10d. in
1920 and 28s. 6d. in 1905. 12. King Edward
in 1902. The limit is twenty-four.

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